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Rosa Kim is among vendors who always check for ID when selling tobacco.

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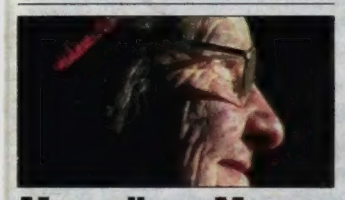

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Mary Stiver is a woman who loves ice fishing. Even when she can't catch a fish.

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Going places

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"I'm not sure if that's part of the appeal or not, but I do know that by the time it's over even the Colonel wouldn't buy the drumsticks that are left over."

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OPP gets new home

by JERRY GROZELLE
Times staff

Morale among the staff members of the Haliburton Highlands Ontario Provincial Police Detachment got a boost with the announcement this week that a new police building is in their future. The Ontario Realty Corporation issued a request for proposals for a 9,900 square foot building to house the local detachment.

A press release from the office of Monte Quinter, Community Safety and Correctional Services Minister, said the Haliburton Highlands detachment in Minden is to be replaced with a new, larger and better-equipped facility.

"It is important that the police have well-equipped and well-maintained facilities as one of the tools to help them keep our communities safe and strong," said Kwinter. "This new modern facility will serve the local community well in the years to come."

The Haliburton Highlands facility was identified by the ministry as a priority, to address long-standing operational deficiencies and health and safety issues. When fully operational, the new facility will provide the detachment with significantly more space and greatly improved amenities.

"The new office will assist the Haliburton Highlands detachment in providing an efficient and effective police presence in the community. Our members are looking forward to the new office and to continuing our excellent relation-

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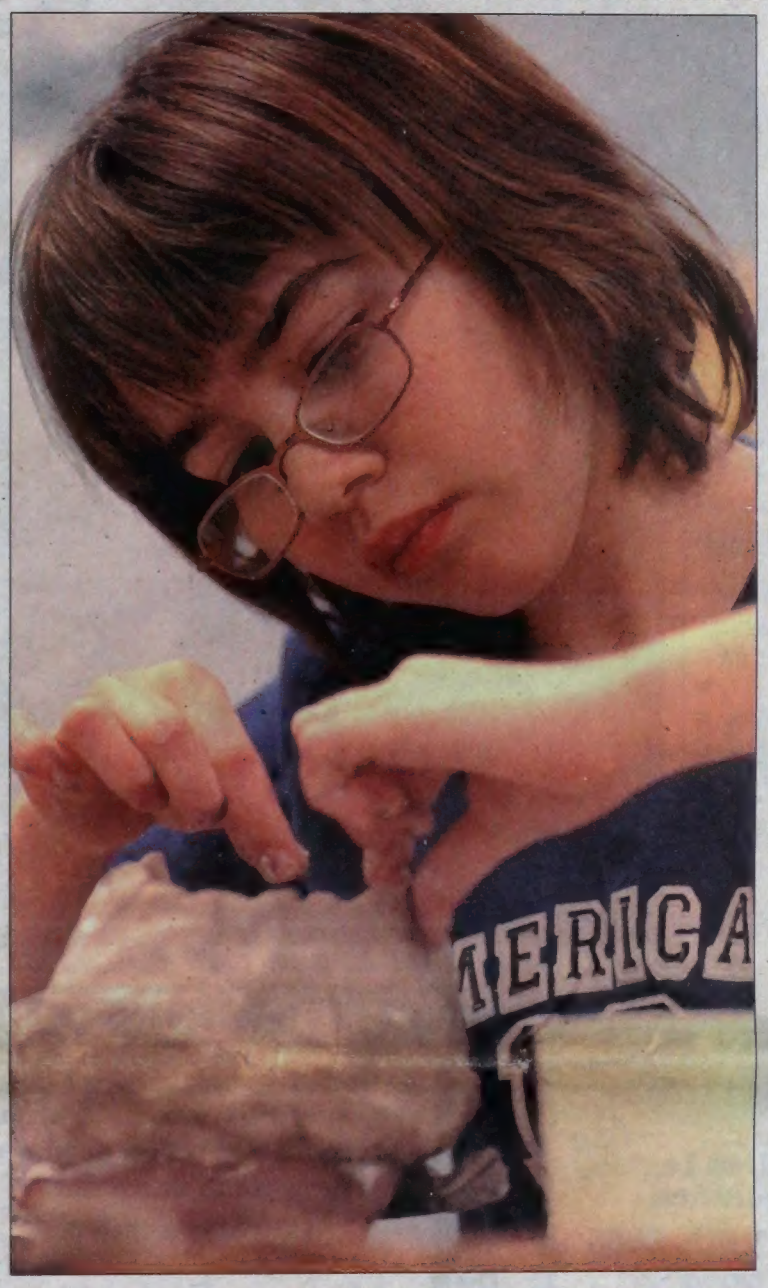

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Vessel of learning

Archie Stouffer Elementary School Grade 4 student Jordan Moore adds some detail to her vase. Moore was participating in the Clay Vessels activity at the school during the three-day series of Winter Electives occuring every Friday for Grade 1 - 8. More photos, page 9.

They've had it!

Break-in was the last straw for store owners who won't be selling cigarettes anymore

by JERRY GROZELLE
Times staff

Enough is enough. Smokers will no longer be able to buy cigarettes at the Kinmount Independent Grocer Foodtown.

A break-in at the store on January 26 was the last straw for owners Tom and Susan Lang. Thieves broke in through the front door of the store during the night and made off with about $3,500 worth of cigarettes and 30 DVDs from the rental service. The DVDs were all new releases and Tom Lang said they were valued at about $50 each.

Lang doesn't think the break-in and the fact that the price of cigarettes went up a week earlier are coincidental.

"Cigarettes went up again just before that," he said, noting that it

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Recruit spouses, docs say

Teleconference reveals that's the best way to get new physicians

by SHERYL LOUCKS
Times staff

New doctors and residents say the best way to lure them to practice in rural Ontario is to recruit their spouses/partners.

This was the message delivered by a panel of medical students, residents, and new doctors during a recent teleconference. Haliburton Highlands Health Services' recruitment committee participated in the conference by using a new "telemedicine suite" at the Haliburton Hospital.

The suite is equipped with television screens, microphones, cameras, computers and equipment so that participants are able to see and talk to someone in another similarly equipped suite anywhere in the world. The conference was put on by North Network, a non-profit company linking dozens of doctors, hospitals and health professionals together. Beth Archibald, HHHS director of community health services, says they chose North Network because of the number of links it could provide.

This particular conference is a part of a series being broadcast on the network for community based recruiters. The conference linked up more than a dozen sites between Thunder Bay and Niagara. At the beginning of the conference, each site that had people listening were shown on the screen as someone in that suite introduced them. The joke in Haliburton was there were more people there than anywhere else.

Jesse Guscotte and Peter Holloway are two resident doc-

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Currently the question online is: do you think smoking is cool? As of Thursday afternoon, 83.3% said, "No, it grosses me out."

If you'd like to add your opinion to our unscientific (yet slightly amusing) poll, visit www.mindentimes.ca and look for the poll on our home page.

The Times hasn't been online for a while so if you're connected to the wired world give us a look.

And have your say!

A breath of spring

Kate Campbell looks so much like a breath of spring air that we at the *Times* thought we'd share her picture with our readers. Kate, an aspiring young actress and singer who hails from the Highlands, was the star of last summer's *Sound of Music*, the very popular stand-out show from last year's Highlands Summer Festival. If you loved her then you won't want to miss her in St. Nora's Tower: An Evening with David Archibald and Friends. The event is a CD launch for David Archibald, who has written a collection of songs about the Leslie M. Frost Centre. It's a rousing, multi-media musical tribute to the life, lore and landscapes of the late and highly lamented outdoor centre north of Minden. Sponsored by Perma-Frost and Friends of the Frost Centre, the event is being held at the Northern Lights Pavilion in Haliburton on Sat. Feb. 19 at 8 p.m. Tickets are available at the Times, the Haliburton Echo and the Trails & Tours office in Carnarvon.

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No more smokes

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provided added incentive for thieves to target cigarette vendors.

"They were very well organized," Lang said. "They drilled the lock out of the front door, cut the wires to the alarm system and took a crowbar to the locked cabinet where the cigarettes were kept." He says he thinks whoever broke in had been in the store previously to determine where everything was kept so they could get in and out as quickly as possible.

Lang doesn't expect to be fully compensated for his loss and continuing to sell cigarettes would mean increased insurance costs. Hence the decision to quit selling smokes altogether.

"Susan and I decided we would do our thing for the environment at the same time and quit selling cigarettes," he said. "We will have to be more inventive about how we run our grocery business."

Lang hopes the fact that he will no longer be selling cigarettes will have a positive effect on his insurance premiums, since there will be a decreased risk of further break-ins. He said he can only hope it will help offset the loss of revenues from the cigarette sales. He said cigarette sales accounted for about 10 per cent of his business. But taking into account the small amount a vendor makes on a pack of cigarettes, he said, "There really is no money in it for the retailer."

Weighing the costs of providing cigarettes as a service to his customers with the risk of break-in and the associated insurance costs against the profits, the Langs decided it wasn't worth carrying the product. "We'd just as soon not have the liability," he said.

Lang said he spoke with the owner of the IGA in Millbrook. She had the same problem with thieves breaking in to steal cigarettes. She made the decision to quit selling cigarettes. He believes this may become a trend, with other vendors deciding to quit selling cigarettes.

Lang says he is going to get a couple of big signs made up announcing that his store no longer sells cigarettes, in hopes that would-be thieves will leave him alone.

Grant will fund children's programs

The Minden Hills Cultural Centre Foundation has received a grant of $3,500 from TD Canada Trust to fund children's programs this summer in Minden.

The Foundation is seeking proposals from community groups in the area to create cultural programs for children that involve art, literature, heritage, music, photography, for example.

For an application form, please e-mail Michael Fay, interim secretary of the Foundation: fay.m@sympatico.ca.

Minden Food Mart's co-owner Rosa Kim finds it difficult to know a customer's age and examines pieces of identification carefully. The food mart was not one of the establishments who sold to minors. (Photo, Darren Lum.)

Tobacco compliance improving

Health unit gives local vendors big pat on the back

by **JERRY GROZELLE**
Times staff

Compliance with the Tobacco Control Act is improving in the area. The Haliburton, Kawarha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit issued a press release giving local cigarette vendors a "big pat on the back for doing more to prevent the sale of tobacco products to underage teenagers. "

Only one in 10 vendors within the unit's area, which includes Haliburton County, Northumberland County and The City of Kawartha Lakes, were found to be in breach of Ontario's Tobacco Control Act, which prohibits the sale of tobacco products to anyone under the age of 19.

The overall compliance rate of 90 per cent for the entire district is the highest ever recorded in this region. The compliance rate is based on Health Unit checks of about 250 cigarette vendors. It is five percentage points higher than the Ontario average and considerably better than the region's rate for 2003, which was 77 per cent.

"These latest statistics show that cigarette vendors in this area are following the letter of the law and being more responsible when it comes to the sale of tobacco products," said Lorne Jordan, a Tobacco Control Act Inspector with the HKPR District Health Unit. "For that, they should be commended."

23 stores in the region were fined for non-compliance.

The Health Unit supplies vendors with "Not To Kids" resource binder kits. These kits highlight the obligations of vendors under the Tobacco Control Act.

In addition, a campaign was launched last spring to inform vendors and parents about fake identification used by underage teenagers to acquire cigarettes and alcohol.

"I think everything came together and reinforced the message to our vendors that selling tobacco products in Ontario is a privilege and not a right," Jordan said.

Kris Kadwell is a Tobacco Control Act Inspector with the HKPR District Health Unit, based in Haliburton.

He said the Health Unit used to use surveillance techniques, where an inspector would watch at store locations and approach anyone who appeared to be too young to buy cigarettes coming out of a store with cigarettes in hand. That method proved to be too time-consuming and not very cost effective. The Health Unit now hires "test shoppers" who are under the age of 19 to attempt to make purchases of cigarettes. "We train them to go into stores and attempt to buy cigarettes," he said. "They can never lie about their age or deceive the vendor and they can't be abusive or forceful."

Kadwell said if the test shopper is sold cigarettes, the information is collected and charges are laid. "If they are refused, they just walk out of the store," he said.

The test shoppers are paid an hourly wage and transported to store locations by an inspector, who process the charges when warranted.

Kadwell pointed out that the onus in on the storeowner to ensure that employees are adequately trained. He said the clerk and/or the storeowner can be charged if there is a violation.

The minimum fine is $180 plus a victim surcharge of $35 for a total of $215. Under circumstances of repeat offenses, storeowners can face fines of up to $10,000 and prohibition from selling tobacco products for six months. "A second offence can result in a store's licence being pulled," Kadwell said. He said if that is the case, a sign must be posted on the door explaining that the vendor's licence has been suspended because of the violations.

"For some convenience stores the loss of their licenses can mean the loss of from 60 per cent to as high as 85 per cent of their revenues," Kadwell said.

Licence suspensions can be imposed if a vendor has two convictions over a five-year span.

Five local stores were fined for selling tobacco products to an underage buyer. Three were in Minden - Dollo's IGA, Pioneer Gas Station and the Minden Discount Store – and two were north on Highway 35 - The Hub Esso in Carnarvon and The Fire House Resort North of Carnarvon.

"It was an honest mistake," said Jaime Dollo of Dollo's IGA. "The cashier felt really bad. It was a really busy day in the summer."

In the cashier's defence, Dollo said he saw the test buyer and he thought the buyer looked more like 25 than 17. He said his staff will be more vigilant. "Anybody under 30 will be asked for ID," he said. "It may upset some people, but they'll have to get used to it."

Dollo said the store was in compliance as far as having all the signs posted. He confirmed that the store was provided with a binder of information and noted that additional reference material and regulations have been received since the charge was laid.

Ed Yang of The Hub Esso cautions other stores to be diligent about keeping records of when their employees are trained and the extent of the training. "You have to document all training," he said, adding that he felt Health Unit officials didn't adequately explain his obligations. "I thought I did my part," he said. "But it wasn't enough."

Yang also said the test buyer made the purchase at a time in the summer when the store was very busy. Yang said the teller who sold the cigarettes had only been on the job for three weeks and had been given verbal training from the material provided. He said the training material he received from Esso is even more comprehensive than what he got from the Health Unit.

Yang said he went to court to plead his case that he had provided proper training to the new employee, but without documentation of the training session he was unsuccessful.

"Youth smoking is declining," Kadwell said. He credits enforcement of the Tobacco Control Act, education and promotion of anti-smoking programs. "Peer promotion in schools is a key," he said.

Kadwell said people are getting the message that smoking is no longer as acceptable as it once was. "Smoking is becoming denormalized," he said. "Seeing people huddled outside in 30 below weather to have a puff is getting the message across."

Cigarette vendors and smokers can look forward to even tougher restrictions on the supply of tobacco products to young people when the Tobacco Control Act is replaced by the Smoke Free Ontario Act. The new law will provide for more comprehensive tobacco vendor enforcement efforts as well as a complete ban on smoking in public places in Ontario.

Profit not a deciding factor for doctors

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tors with the Rural Ontario Medical Program (ROMP) that are currently shuffling through various inducements and offers as they decide where they will be setting up shop.

"We're two big city kids in love with small town medicine," says Holloway.

He explained they love the breadth of family medicine in rural areas and like the idea of doing hospital rotations. What is scary he says is moving in to a community with no or few doctors and being overwhelmed by the case load.

The pair agreed that how much profit they can make is not a deciding factor.

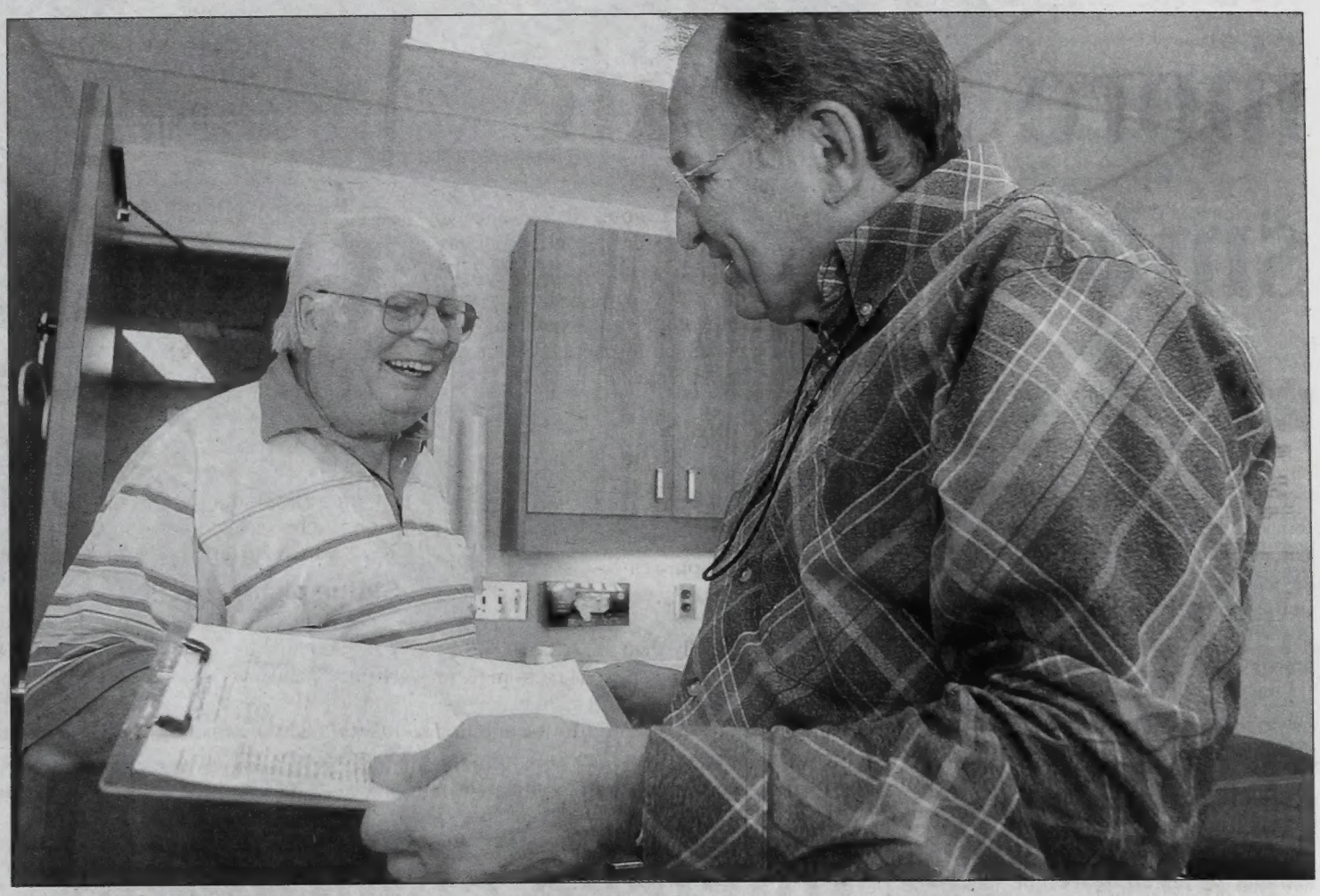
"I'm not going to go anywhere I don't like regardless of financial incentives, $20,000 difference won't make or break it. .....Most doctors have partners they met in university, who have their own careers. I can't bring my partner who's a social worker to a community of 500, " says Guscotte.

Both men say the final decision of where they go will likely be their partners. They emphasized the need for recruiters to highlight what is available in the community. "Help people (sought after doctors) to get a sense of what other young professionals are in the community. We're going to be spending more time with them than the 60 plus year old doctors we're working with," says Guscotte.

Jeanne Anthon, a member of HHHS recruiting committee, says they have a detailed package outlining the benefits of moving to cottage country but this was an angle they had overlooked.

Another member of the panel was Jonathan Keen, a medical student who is actually working with Dr. Karl Hartwick in Haliburton on a study to determine what influences residents to go in to rural medicine. Keen says rural areas need to link together to jointly market the advantages of working in small communities. He says there is still a hidden agenda in medical schools where you hear comments like why do you "just" want to go into family medicine.

"Show prospective doctors that you've got hiking trails, county fairs. It's important to show them how vibrant small communities can be," says Keen.



Patient Angus MacPherson shakes the hand of Dr. Jaan Roos on his final day at the Minden Health Care Facility. MacPherson was one of approximately 25 patients who visited with Roos for the final time last week. He said he will continue working at Hyland Crest and as the area's coroner. Roos is eager to hit the Nordic trails and get some skiing in this winter.

The two residents and fellow panelist Lisa Habermehl, a family physician who just set up a practice in the northern Ontario town of Red Lake, agreed that one of the best way to show off a community is to give people a chance to work there. They say doctors want to "try before they buy" by doing locums. Habermehl says of the 12 of the 14 doctors she graduated with did locums of six months or longer.

Jack Brezina, HHHS recruitment committee, says they are working on developing locums to offer.

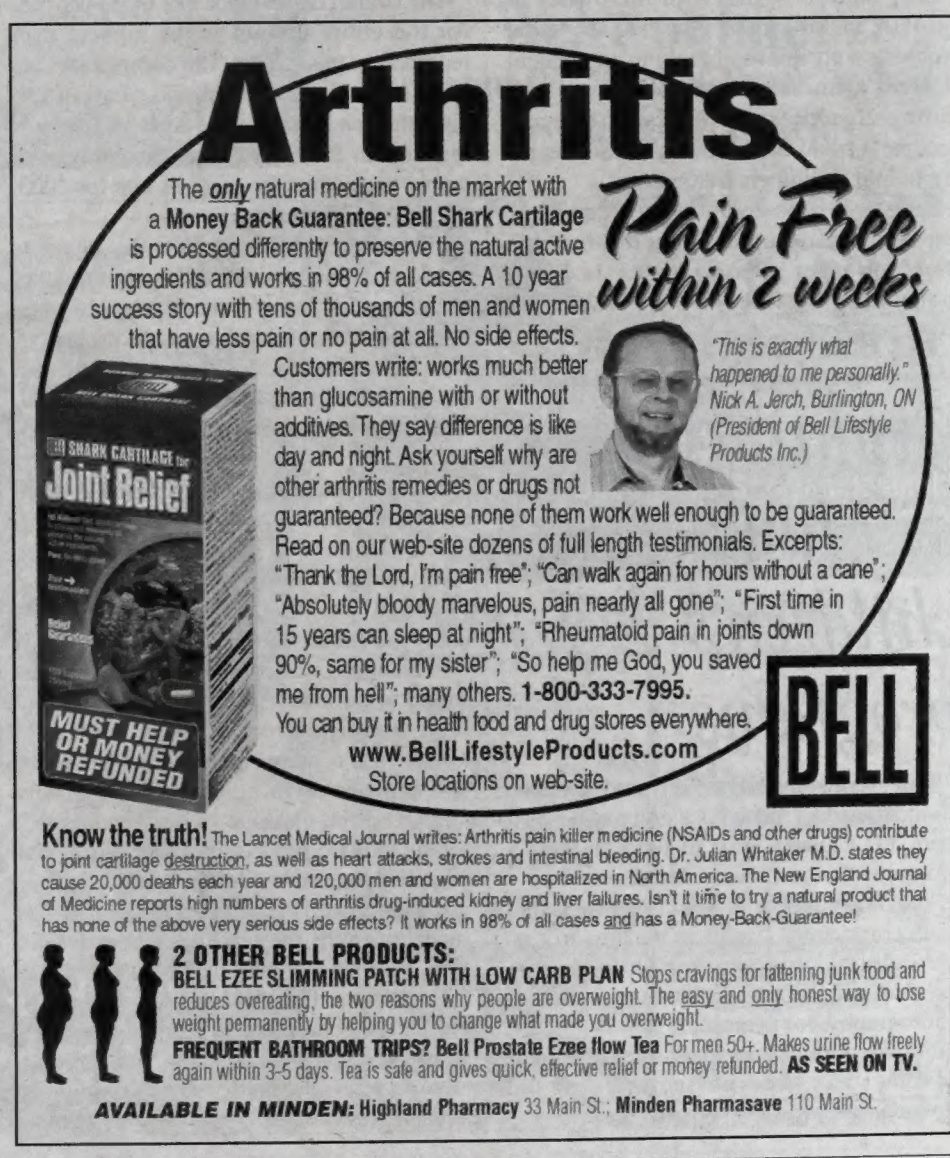
What the residents say they don't want is a solo practice. He says after 10 years of education they are $80,000 or more in debt. He says they are not interested in the business side of buying buildings, hiring staff, purchasing equipment and setting up offices. He says they want to work with other doctors and the lower the overhead the more attractive the offer is.

"We're graduating with huge debt and this feeling of panic. We just want to get it paid off," says Guscotte.

Holloway suggested if a community is setting up a turn-key clinic for doctors, such as Dysart et al is proposing to do for Haliburton, then there are two expectations new doctors have. One that they won't pay more than 30 per cent of the overhead cost and two that there will be an electronic medical records system budgeted for or provided. Guscotte says many people feel very strongly about which programs they prefer and he wouldn't consider going somewhere that didn't offer electronic medical records.

Cheryl Kennedy with the Haliburton Family Medical Centre says they have an electronic records system. She says they are also very competitive when it comes to overhead costs. She says the conference was interesting and gives them a few more ideas to work with.

Anthon and Archibald say the hardest part of recruiting is walking the fine line between staying in touch with students and residents and pestering them. Guscotte says if you express an interest in a resident as a person as much as you do as a doctor it will be less of a nuisance.



Charity event sparks debate

by LANCE CROSSLEY
Times staff

The following are brief reports from the Jan. 27 meeting of Minden Hills Council.

Council members could not agree whether to grant a reduced rate for ice time required for a charity hockey tournament, to be held March11-12 at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden. Proceeds from the charity event go to Princess Margaret Hospital in aid of breast cancer. The subject sparked an angry exchange between Deputy Reeve Jim McMahon and Councillor Peter Oyler.

Oyler first wanted to investigate the policies of neighbouring municipalities regarding the issue and expressed concern over setting a bad precedent.

Deputy Reeve McMahon angrily disagreed with Oyler.

"It doesn't matter what other municipalities are doing. If they want to put their taxes up by 15%, does that mean we have to raise ours by 15%? No, it does not councillor," McMahon told Oyler.

McMahon added that there are many locals who frequent the Toronto hospital, and that he would like to see the charity request granted.

Moment of silence

At the commencement of the meeting, Reeve Ross Rigney requested that those present stand in a moment of silence to honour Roy Windover, the former county warden who died on Tuesday, January 25.

Rigney described Windover as a "very major player in Minden politics" and as a man who continued to play an active role even after his retirement.

New generator

Council gave the green light to Minden Hills Fire Chief Doug Schell to purchase a brand new $34,000 back-up generator. The 80KW generator is designated for the emergency operation centre situated at the Minden community centre in case of a crisis.

It was originally thought that $10,000 of the total expense would be taken from extra funds in the parks and recreation budget. But an objection initiated by Councillor Clayton Cameron transferred the full cost of the generator into the Emergency Management Operations budget. "[Money] should not be taken from parks and rec for emergency operations," said Cameron.

New digs coming soon

Municipal clerk Twyla Nicholson announced that movers are scheduled to move Minden Hills staff back into their newly renovated administrative building at the end of March. The move pushes the March 31st council meeting up one week to March 24th.

Maggie Broersma, seen here handing out pink ribbons to Minden Hills councillors Ron Buchanan and Clayton Cameron, will have to wait to see if council will grant a reduction in ice time rates for an upcoming charity hockey tournament.

Statue plans unveiled

The draft sketch for a statue of a logger was submitted to council by artist Andrew Hillo. Friends of Minden Hills hired the sculptor, who plans to erect a ten-foot tall logger made of concrete and steel on the northern bank of the Gull River. The tentative name for the piece is "When men were machines."

The sketch depicts a burly, mustached man holding a logger's pole, standing with one foot perched on a log. "The idea is to do something different ... that will bring people into downtown Minden," said Hillo.

Lapel pins

Council agreed to donate 60 Minden Hills lapel pins to the Archie Stouffer Elementary School curling teams in preparation for the provincial Timbits Curling Championship, to be held later this month. It's a bonspiel tradition for school teams to exchange pins with their competitors. The event runs from Feb. 24 to Feb. 27 and is hosted by the Haliburton Curling Club. The pins are priced at 50 cents each, making it a $30 donation from the township.

Cemetery amendments

The township amended some by-laws pertaining to its cemeteries. Customers will have to pay $75 for cornerstones when they purchase a plot. Foundation installation fees will increase to $200. A proposal from Parks, Recreation, and Cemetery Manager Ray Miscio to implement a special care service was promptly voted down by council members. The idea would have seen the municipality plant flowers in the cemetery upon request for a fee of $30.

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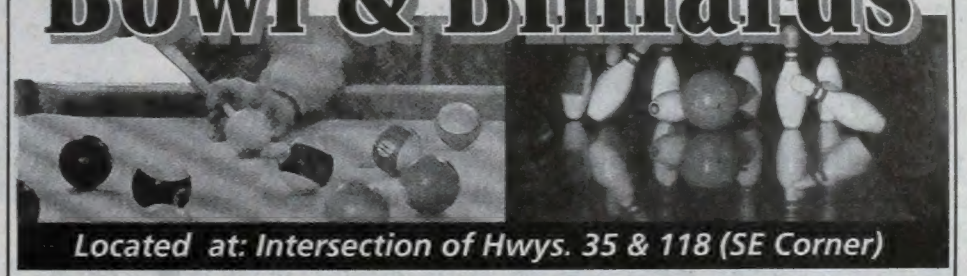

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Welcome news

The announcement by the provincial government Tuesday that the Haliburton Highlands OPP Detachment will get a new home will have many positive consequences.

For one, a new, modern building will likely encourage some officers who might be tempted to move someplace with better facilities to stay here and develop a long-term relationship with the residents, businesses and local politicians.

When the public gets to know the people who enforce our laws it fosters co-operation. Neighbours assist each other and when one of our neighbours happens to wear a blue uniform and drive a cruiser, it goes a long way toward developing confidence that we can expect some security. That is especially true when we get to know our law enforcement personnel and know that they have the same concerns as we do. Some have children who attend our local schools and participate in the same activities as our kids. Police officers who decide to develop their careers in our communities often participate in the same activities as we do. They sit on committees, they help coach sports teams, they volunteer their time and share expertise in a variety of ways, all of which adds value to our collective lives.

A certain amount of staff turnover is inevitable. The occasional officer may yearn for a more urban setting, with its different problems and faster pace. But for those who enjoy a rural lifestyle, with its obvious advantages for those who enjoy open spaces, The Highlands is hard to beat.

We have seen several officers come and go over the past few years and we have to wonder how many of them might still be here if we had a state of the art facility from which they could work. We appreciate those who have stayed in spite of the cramped and below standard conditions.

We don't want the Haliburton Highlands detachment to be a mere stopover for officers who are biding their time waiting for an opening at a more desirable location.

Hopefully, the opening of a new facility with up-to-date equipment and adequate resources for the tasks at hand – a situation that has eluded our local police force for too long – will change things for the better.

Who knows, the Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment may even become the destination of choice, with a waiting list of officers who want become members of our local police force and active members of our communities.

We look forward, almost as much as our local law enforcement personnel and support staff, to the opening of the new Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment office in May of 2006.

Bold move

The decision by Tom and Susan Lang to quit selling cigarettes at the Kinmount Independent Grocer Foodtown store is a bold move. Prompted by a break-in that netted thieves $3,500 worth of cigarettes, they say they've had enough. Considering the increased insurance premiums required and the small mark-up on the product, it isn't worth the aggravation and the risk of further break-ins to continue selling cigarettes for the Langs.

They will no doubt take some heat from their smoking customers, especially this coming summer when customers passing through Kinmount on the way to their cottages discover that cigarettes are no longer available in the store.

We hope his business doesn't suffer. Operating a business in a small community is not an easy proposition.

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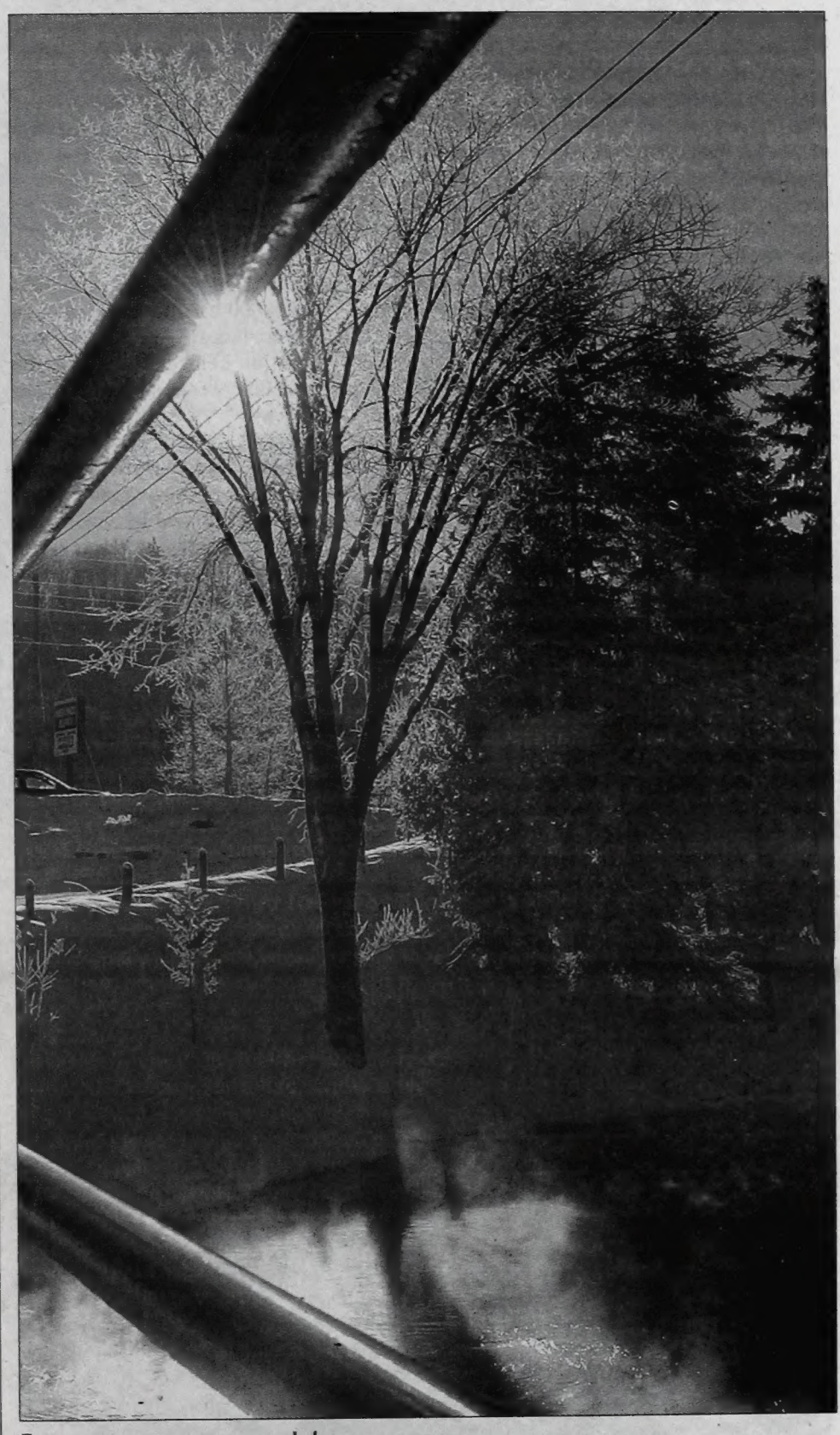

IMAGES OF THE HIGHLANDS

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TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

Soldier back in Iraq

To the Editor:

Just a letter to update all your readers about our friend Steven Fleenor. Steven, if you remember, is the American soldier whose parents have a cottage in Gelert.

Steven flew out of Fort Bragg, North Carolina on Sunday January 23, 2005 for another deployment in Iraq. He called his parents in the middle of the week to say he was in Kuwait where he will remain for one to two weeks before heading to Iraq.

This time his tentative plans are for him to be riding shotgun on convoys between Baghdad and Fallujah. This stretch of highway is known as "the shooting gallery." But things are subject to change for him.

I have been in contact with his dad and will continue letters to him and will let the readers of the paper know periodically how he is doing. His dad wishes to thank all for our interest in Steven.

I am sure that your readers will keep Steven in their thoughts and prayers as he undertakes this round of deployment in Iraq.

Diane Peacock
Lochlin, Ontario.

INOTHERWORDS

Columnists and Letters to the Editor

Playing chicken

Cock fighting is a cruel and dangerous sport. And, let's face it, it's a strange one, too. It's the only event, outside a gay pride parade, where you'll routinely see grown men cheering on participants who strut around wearing gaudy feathers, vivid colours, and polished spurs.

I'm not sure if that's part of the appeal or not, but I do know that by the time it's over even the Colonel wouldn't buy the drumsticks that are left. Most times, the roosters get cut up real bad.

It remains popular in some places, however, mostly because of the betting aspect. Despite this, most state governments have banned the sport, just as they are now about to do in Oklahoma.

But before that happens, the state legislature will consider the interesting and creative proposal of a local senator who sees a way around the most objectionable part of the sport, which is, of course, the blood-letting and the cruel treatment of the birds. He has suggested making it mandatory for the roosters to wear boxing gloves — not all the time mind you, that'd be silly — no, just during the fights.

BEYOND35

Steve Galea

The idea would let the cocks follow their natural instinct, which is to fight. It would also allow the gamblers to follow their natural instinct, which is to lose money over stupid bets. And, last but not least, it would allow the government to follow its natural instinct, which is to collect a piece of the action. The senator calls it a win-win proposal. And, best of all, he says, the birds won't get hurt.

Though I don't follow cock-fighting at all, I think this amendment would go a long way towards making me a huge fan of the sport. That's because the legislation is aimed at upgrading the sport and making it more like professional boxing.

I'm wondering if the other trappings will follow. For instance, will they have shapely hens in tiny bikinis walking into the ring and holding up signs between the rounds? Will the roosters be forced to wear silk boxing trunks? If you ask me, these things alone would be worth the price of the pay-per-view. Let's face it, there's nothing funnier than dressing up farm animals - or so I've been told.

The senator points out that the technology already exists to electronically measure every hit inflicted, thereby making the matches much easier to judge, too. Suddenly, instead of two roosters fighting to the death, they'd be trying to win rounds.

With this in mind, not any barnyard brawler would do. Now you'd have to train the roosters in the sweet science. The good ones would bob and weave, jab, throw combos, and maybe even rope-a-dope. And before the fight, at the weigh-in, they'd have to excel at mind games and trash talk, too. You'd see televised training sessions where roosters were skipping rope and hitting the body bag. We'd get to see clips of a rooster running up a set of stairs to a monument overlooking the city or even beating up slabs of frozen meat in a cool room. They'd probably draw the line at drinking raw eggs though. Who knows?

The point is, suddenly, the whole idea of travelling to an arena to watch poultry compete wouldn't seem all that bizarre any more.

Sadly, despite all these precautions, this old sport is doomed to extinction anyhow. Hey, if a rooster got killed in the ring, how would you ever rule out fowl play?

Entering same-sex marriage fray

In the days when the British Empire still bestraddled the world, a British general was asked about all the nighttime canoodling going on in the barracks.

The men could do as they wished in the dark, he replied, so long as they didn't frighten the horses.

These were British horses, born with stiff upper lips, so they were not frightened by the frolicking.

Or so I have read. For myself, I agree with the general. Other people can do as they wish so long as they don't interfere with me.

That puts me badly out of step with readers whose letters on the subject of same-sex marriage have been entertaining and informing readers of *The Times* these past few weeks.

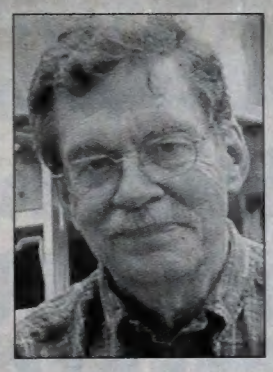
Now the debate has taken centre stage in Ottawa and our elected representatives are erupting in flights of political hypocrisy and intellectual dishonesty that warm this curmudgeon's heart.

All the Sunday-morning Catholics in Parliament will rise up and explain how they will vote for something their church says explicitly is morally wrong.

An opposition leader already has entertained us with the notion that we are on a slippery slope that will take us to polygamy and, eventually, to cattle egrets wedding blue-footed boobies, or worse.

That got small-L liberals in such a fury that hardly any of them noticed that almost all of the arguments in favour of same-sex marriage apply equally to polygamy.

Or that common-law polygamy (polygyny, actually) always has been available for men who can afford it. Famous men, including two U.S. presidents in my lifetime, kept wives and mistresses in matched pairs and still went to church each Sunday. FDR's White House had so many unorthodox combinations it would take a diagram to explain them.



BACKOFBEYOND

Neil Campbell

We should be grateful for the great same-sex debate because without it our leaders would be wasting their time on trivial matters, like child poverty, the economy, climate change or the crisis in agriculture.

Why homosexuals would want to be included in an institution that hardly ever works for heterosexuals anymore is anybody's guess.

Our letter-writers, at least some of them, waste no time on guessing. Same-sex marriage is wrong, they write, because the Bible tells them so.

They are tolerant, to a degree, of what once was called sodomy, but they believe that every word in the Bible is true and must be taken exactly as it is written.

Here is exactly what verse 13 of chapter 20 of Leviticus has to say about homosexuality:

"If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them."

So endeth tolerance. The Old Testament is very big on putting people to death. It is the punishment required for those who work on Sunday, or swear at mom and dad or blaspheme. Stonings are the neighbourly things to do.

Except if you sleep with your mother-in-law and then the two of you are to be burned alive. Your wife, too, just to tie up any loose ends.

Or so the Bible says. You may not rebuke your neighbour, although I am pretty sure that by the time the flames start licking at his knickers he will feel pretty thoroughly rebuked.

We are to take this as the law, though the King James Version is a translation of a translation of a translation into a version of English that needs yet another translation for most of us to make sense of it.

Our *Times* letter-writers must know that eating pork is forbidden and so are haircuts; if they happen to see a bacon-eating skinhead, they know they are looking at an abomination.

Better not plant your oats and barley together; that's against the rules. Having trouble paying the rent? You can always sell your daughter into slavery to raise some cash. Or, you can have slaves of your own, so long as they aren't from Haliburton.

If they see a woman walking down Bobcaygeon Road carrying a couple of turtles, she's probably on the way to church. She has just finished being unclean and now she has to make amends for that offence with a sacrifice.

Taking the Bible at its word gets confusing for the uninitiated. It is full of stonings and burnings and abominating then instructs us, Thou Shalt Not Kill. Or to turn the other cheek.

It's in the book.

She's reluctant to join fray, but ...

To the Editor:

Because of all the hype in the media on this topic, I'm a bit reluctant to join in the fray, but here goes!

I find it very difficult to tolerate the intolerance of others, however I'm trying to work through this issue with regards to same sex marriages. I am not going to start spewing out passages from the bible to try to verify my position, because although I (and many others) take the bible seriously, I (and many others) do not take the bible literally (read Marcus Borg's The Heart of Christianity).

The opposition to same sex marriages and homosexuality is grounded in an Earlier Paradigm, which sees Christianity as being grounded in Divine Authority (i.e. the bible is infallible and dictated by a judging God – in other words, the bible is a divine product).

MORELETTERS

Times readers write

A good example of this belief in the Earlier Paradigm is demonstrated by Marianne Smith's letter to the Editor (Jan. 28/05). She states that "I believe that the Bible is the inspired Word of God and Truth" and "there are serious consequences for not obeying His standards".

In recent years, there has been an increased awareness of an Emerging Paradigm, that treats the bible much differently and sees the bible as a human response to God, rather than the literal words of God.

When the Canadian government attempts to change the definition of marriage to include same sex couples, it challenges the very ground on which conservative Christians stand. Those who are opposed to this new legislation resort to a use of the bible which is now being questioned by progressive Christians.

Jesus Christ fought against the injustices of his society. According to the Concise Oxford dictionary, a Christian is a person showing character consistent

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New station a good thing: warden

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ship with the citizens of the area," said OPP Central Region Commander Chief Superintendent Dave Wall.

Haliburton County Warden Jim McMahon is the chair of the Community Police Advisory Committee. "It's been a mission of mine for 11 years," McMahon said. "I'm very excited."

McMahon said the new building will be good for everyone, not just the OPP. "It will be a big project," he said. He explained that the proposal is for a private entrepreneur to do the construction to OPP specifications and lease the building through the Ontario Realty Corporation.

The ORC has specified the area where the building must be located. The specifications are for the Highway 35 corridor in Minden, between the Haliburton County 121 junction to the south and County Road 21 toward Haliburton or on County Road 21 within five kilometres of Highway 35.

"They did a lot of homework before they came up with the location," McMahon said. "It was based on calls for service, accidents and access to the courts, among other things."

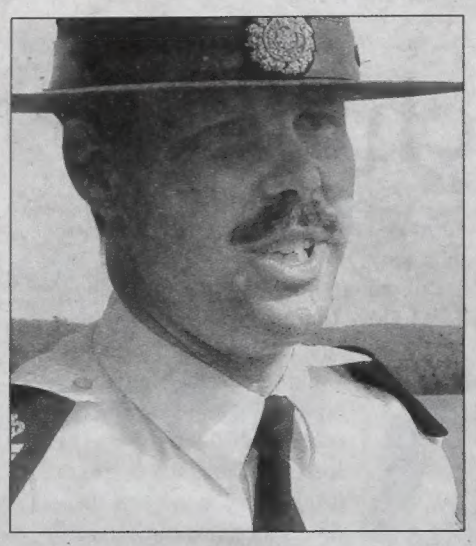
Local OPP officials expressed their pleasure at the announcement.

"It's welcome news," said Staff Sergeant Bob Walli. "The new building will be almost 10,000 square feet – quadruple what we have now."

The current building has just one holding cell, a problem when more than one person is arrested. Male and female prisoners cannot be held in the same cell nor can adult and youth prisoners.

The current building also lacks adequate space to interview prisoners or witnesses.

"There is definitely a need for more than one cell," Walli said.



OPP Sgt. Bob Walli.

He says he is looking forward to a modern new police facility. "Everything will be built to the new adequacy standards," he said. "It will be nice."

The local police force has five female officers who must share accommodations with their male counterparts. Walli said the new building will have separate accommodations for the female officers.

The new building will offer better privacy for interviewing and Walli said he expects there will be a multi-purpose room for training and other uses.

Walli noted that there are accessibility problems with the current building, which is not wheelchair friendly.

"We need to bring ourselves up to the proper standards," he said.

How happy is the Detachment Commander that his officers and support staff will have a new, modern building from which to work?

"How do you spell yabba dabba doo," he said with a chuckle.

Constable Rob Orlowski is the local representative on the Ontario Provincial Police Association.

"We're overjoyed," he said. "Everybody here is happy, especially those who were here when we were kicked out of this building because of the mould and air quality problems." The building was closed down for several months starting in April of 2000 and officers and staff worked out of temporary trailers while the mould and air quality problems were rectified.

Orlowski, who has been working with the Minden OPP for 15 years, gives credit to everyone who worked through that ordeal. He says he looks forward to moving into modern police facilities. "We often have officers from other detachments come here for training or to conduct interviews," he said. "They come from modern offices and it is an embarrassment to us when other officers come here and see the facilities we're using."

Orlowski said the new building will have space which can be used by other complementary services. "It will be like the new hospitals," he said. "It will be a better place for people to work."

The Haliburton Highlands OPP Detachment has had a fairly high turnover in staff over the past several years. Orlowski suggested the new building will help to alleviate that problem.

"Everybody is very happy that it has finally come to fruition," he said. "I think I'll keep the new building to my retirement."

The ORC has specified that the new facility is to be ready for occupation by May 1, 2006.

Canadians should support protection of rights

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with Christ's teachings. So, as a Christian, I feel compelled to write this article and protest against an unjust attitude. I resent the implication in Marianne Smith's letter to the Editor, that homosexuals should "go and leave their life of sin". What sin?

Reverend Max Ward , minister of Minden United Church, has preached against intolerance and injustices. Prime Minister Paul Martin is committed to upholding equal rights for all minority groups, including homosexuals. NDP leader Jack Layton stated in The Globe and Mail this past week, that same sex rights are a human rights issue and they should not be negotiable.

As tolerant Canadians, striving for the most just society in the world, we should be supporting the government in protecting the rights of everyone, instead of resorting to fundamentalist fear mongering and homophobia.

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LIVE BANDS SATURDAY! LIVE BANDS & KARAOKE FRIDAYS!

Electives mean fun, new things to do for ASES kids

photos by DARREN LUM/Times

Archie Stouffer Elementary School students from Grade 1 - 8 enjoyed a variety of activities on Friday, Jan. 21. From outdoor pasttimes such as skiing to indoor pursuits such as dancing and pottery, the students will be participating in the school's annual Winter Electives program that runs every Friday for a total of three weeks. Depending on the activity students will receive instruction and learn how to make or do the elective that is offered at the school or in the area.

ASES Co-Prime Minister Christianna Walker stretches during the Dance activity held in the school's gymnasium.

ASES students Tara O'Sullivan and Teghan Dodds were closely watching Digital Photography instructor ASES teacher Lynn Winans. The students learned by doing. They were sent out into the school to photograph and had their shots critiqued for improvement.

ASES teacher John Stephen takes roll call for the skating activity in the entrance way of the school last week. Despite the chilly climes last week children were eager to hit the ice and go skating.

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LCBO's role debated

by LANCE CROSSELY
Times staff

Now that the Ontario government is about to review its liquor laws for the first time since prohibition, some are wondering if the province is inching toward privatization.

Finance Minister Greg Sorbara has insisted that "the LCBO is not for sale", but critics such as NDP Marilyn Churley have suggested the secret aim of the review process is to "privatize by stealth."

An expert panel was appointed on Jan. 11 to review the province's beverage alcohol system. According to the government, it's part of the commitment made in the 2004 budget to review the province's major assets. The four-person panel will provide recommendations on how to optimize the wholesale, retail, and distribution of alcohol. The panel will also ascertain the appropriate role of government in the alcohol marketplace.

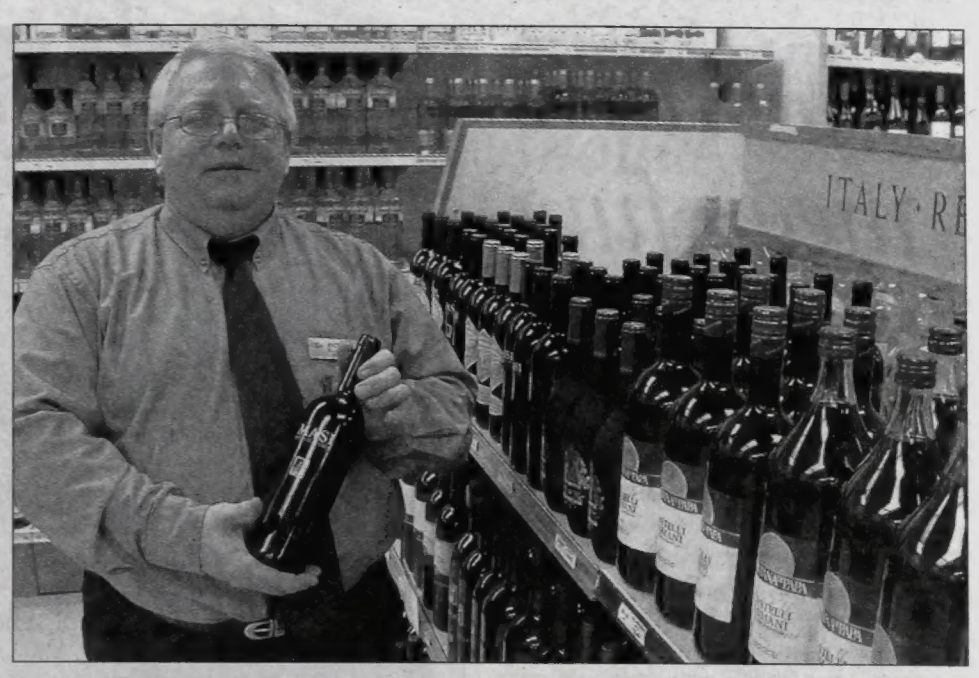
Rick Stuckless, general manager of the Minden LCBO, hopes the panel isn't trying to fix something that's not broken.

"I believe we've got a great system," says Stuckless. " The changes they've implemented over the last 15 years have been extremely positive – Sunday shopping, price reduction, Air Miles, community projects – I think it's a good system and hope we can continue to serve the public of Ontario."

However, those on the outside of the regulated system want to see things reorganized, both for the consumer and their own interest.

"The laws are archaic. It should be like Quebec," says Greg Saville, owner of HP Super Store. "Everybody comes in here getting their propane and barbecues. It all goes into one: barbecue, beer, and propane."

Currently, the three main players in the industry are The Beer Store (owned by Molson, Labatt, and Sleeman), wine retail stores (owned by the province's licensed wineries), and the largest player, the LCBO.



Minden LCBO manager Rick Stuckless believes the Ontario liquor laws should be left alone. His comments came after the Ontario government appointed a special panel to review the existing beverage alcohol distribution system.

There are nearly 600 LCBO stores across Ontario, with an additional 196 "agencies" that operate within private retail outlets. Last fiscal year it netted $3.3 billion, of which over a third found its way into government vaults.

"If the government of Ontario doesn't get their money from sin taxes, they will get it from other means. This is a choice of where to pay your taxes. The bottom line is we put a lot of money into the coffers for hospitalization," says Stuckless, who has been with the LCBO for almost 30 years.

There is also concern over the notion of responsibility. Some believe alcohol is a drug and should be monitored accordingly under the umbrella of government control. Eddie Yang, manager of The Hub Esso in Carnarvon, an LCBO agency, says allowing alcohol to be sold in a non-regulated corner store is going to create problems.

"In summer time we go through tons of customers. We check a lot of kids' I.D. in the LCBO section and we've been trained for that. I don't know whether they would supply the same program to the corner store or not, but that's a big responsibility," says Yang.

Yang estimates that the presence of alcohol brings his store an additional 25 per cent worth of business.

Vendors like HP's Saville want the same opportunities afforded to specially licensed businesses like Yang's, and doesn't believe there is a big difference between the existing responsibilities of a convenience store and one that sells alcohol.

"We already check for cigarettes. It's the same thing," says Saville.

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County's marksmen club to host army cadets

Sixty cadets, officers and support staff will be here for a weekend winter indoctrination

by JERRY GROZELLE
Times staff

The Haliburton County Marksmen Club will host 60 army cadets, officers and support staff from the Lindsay corps for a weekend winter indoctrination. The cadets will camp at the range facilities just north of Kinmount on the weekend of February 11-13.

Walter Griffin of Gelert is a member of the Haliburton County Marksmen Club (HCMC) and a supporter of training youth in the shooting sports. His daughter Courtney, 13, and son Creighton, 14, are active members of the 1129 Haliburton Royal Canadian Cadet Corps, Hastings Prince Edward Regiment, where they received the female and male fitness awards at the Cadet Annual Inspection last June. This was the first time a sister and brother took those honours.

Shooting is a family sport for the Griffins and as a member of the HCMC Walt is keen to get more young people involved in the shooting sports. He and HCMC member Danny Londry of Lindsay are working to bolster youth participation in the club.

Griffin contacted Barry Ward, a civilian instructor with the 2817 Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps in Lindsay, which is also affiliated with the Hastings Prince Edward Regiment. Between Griffin and Ward they got the ball rolling between the two organizations. Griffin gained approval of the HCMC executive and Ward arranged approval of the cadet corps through Commanding Officer Captain Andrew Nowell.

Officers from the Cadet Corps attended the range just north of Kinmount and some training was held there last fall. The range that was set up in the basement of the Victoria Park Armoury in Lindsay for many years was closed, mostly for political reasons, a couple of years ago. The only shooting at that range now is air rifle. With the availability of the HCMC range, the Lindsay Cadets now have a venue for firearms training.

The Lindsay Cadet Corps will hold its annual Winter Indoctrination Course at the Haliburton County Marksmen Club on the weekend of February 11, 12 and 13.

Cadets will take firearms safety training at the Armoury in Lindsay before the hands-on firearms training at the range.

Nowell said the shooting the cadets do at the HCMC range will be strictly for training. There will be no competition. Shooting will be with .22 calibre rimfire rifles.

Shooting will be only a small part of the winter indoctrination weekend. Winter survival techniques such as improvised shelter construction and other training are also on the agenda.

"We try to include firearms training as much as possible," Nowell said.

The Trenton Air Force Base, the support base for the Lindsay Cadets, will supply equipment such as tents and portable toilets for the weekend adventure. Nowell said the corps also has some of its own equipment, purchased with money raised by the cadets.

A few members of the Lindsay Cadet Corps used the HCMC range for firearms training last fall.

Members of the Lindsay Cadet Corps used the Haliburton County Marksmen Club range near Kinmount for some firearms training last October. Next weekend 60 cadets from the Lindsay Corps will take part in a winter indoctrination course at the range facilities, which will include some firearms training.

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Variety was keyword for January's weather

by **PHIL GRAHAM**/*Special to The Times*

January is over and we had lots of variety in the weather: rain and snow, cold and windy at times and finally the last days clear and cold, more like winter should be.

The average temperature for the month was 10.7 C. That was 4 degrees colder than last January.

Precipitation was slightly higher than last January. We had more rain this month but plenty of snow.

Snow on the ground each January was about same, 15 inches. Added to the variety we had a thunderstorm on January 12.

Average high:	-5.1° C,	22.8° F
Average low:	-16.4.° C,	2.4° F
Average for the month:	-10.7° C,	12.7° F
Average for last January:	-14.7° C,	5.7° F
Highest temperature: Jan 11.	11° C	51.8° F
Lowest temperature: Jan 21.	-32 ° C,	25.6B° F
Rain:	45.8,	1.8 in
Snow:	36 cm,	14.1 in
Total precipitation:	88.8 mm,	32.2 in
Total precipitation for last January:	37. cm,	14.5 in
Snow on ground:Jan 31:	37.cm,	14.5 in
Snow on ground last Jan 31:	38. cm,	14.9 in
Total snowfall Nov 1 to Jan 31:	121. cm,	47.6 in
Days mostly sunny:	13	
Days with snow or rain:	12	
Days with thunderstorms:	1	
Days with freezing rain:	1	

Bowling scores from Carnarvon

Wednesday Afternoon January 19
High Average: Ken Thompson 206; Jean Pugh 175
High Single: Fred Phipps 266; Jacquie Chamberlain 201
High Single (handicap): Fred Phipps 312; Jacquie Chamberlain 263
High Triple: Fred Phipps 643; Jean Pugh 520
High Triple (handicap): Fred Phipps 781; Jean Pugh 640

Thursday Afternoon January 20
High average: Ken Thompson 217; Betty Henderson 177
High Single: Ken Thompson 261; Betty Henderson 212
High Single H/C: Syd Lockhart 282; Betty Henderson 267
High Triple: Ken Thompson 651; Betty Henderson 533
High Triple H/C: Vern Chilton 713; Betty Henderson 698

Tuesday Afternoon League January 25
High average: Ken Thompson 212; Lillian Mattsson 187
High single: Bev Hunt 250; Barb Milligan 235
High single (handicap): Bev Hunt 300; Barb Milligan & Shirley Venner 291
High triple: Bev Hunt 641; Barb Milligan 608
High triple (handicap): Bev Hunt 791; Barb Milligan 776

Tuesday Night League January 25
High average: Ken Thompson 215; Marlene Robinson 197
High single: Ken Thompson 250; Clara Vuksic 247
High single (handicap): Don Nichol 270; Clara Vuksic 298
High triple: Ken Thompson 616; Clara Vuksic 605
High triple (handicap): Don Nichol 732; Clara Vuksic 758

Wednesday Afternoon January 26
High Average: Ken Thompson 207; Jean Pugh 174
High Single: Bev Hunt 247; Margaret Schepers 196
High Single (handicap): Bev Hunt 294; Janet McGrath 259
High Triple: Ken Thompson 675; Shirley Milne 514
High Triple (handicap): Bev Hunt 750; Shirley Milne 712

Thursday Afternoon January 27
High average: Ken Thompson 207; Pearl Foster 203
High Single: Lindsay Ploughman 278; Pearl Foster 211
High Single H/C: Lindsay Ploughman 346; Stella Mamonko 266
High Triple: Ken Thompson 622; Pearl Foster 611
High Triple H/C: Lindsay Ploughman 786; Beverley Alexander 775

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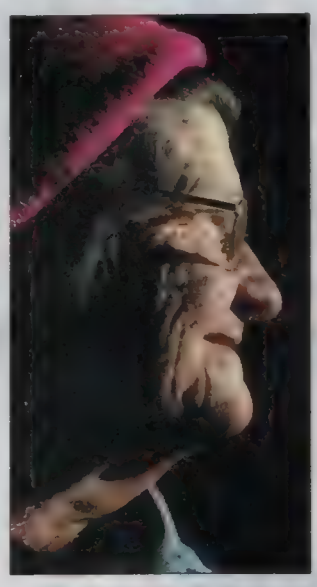


Photos from top, clockwise: Carl Devouge comes over to lend Mary Stiver a hand with the frozen-over ice hole; Stiver makes the short walk from the roadway to her fishing hut; waiting is not a big a deal because it's the whole experience of fishing that Stiver enjoys most; she reaches over to wall check the line tagged with a orange strip of plastic; Stiver has all the comforts of home with her in the fishing hut; she looks out her window to see what Devouge is up to.

There's something about Mary

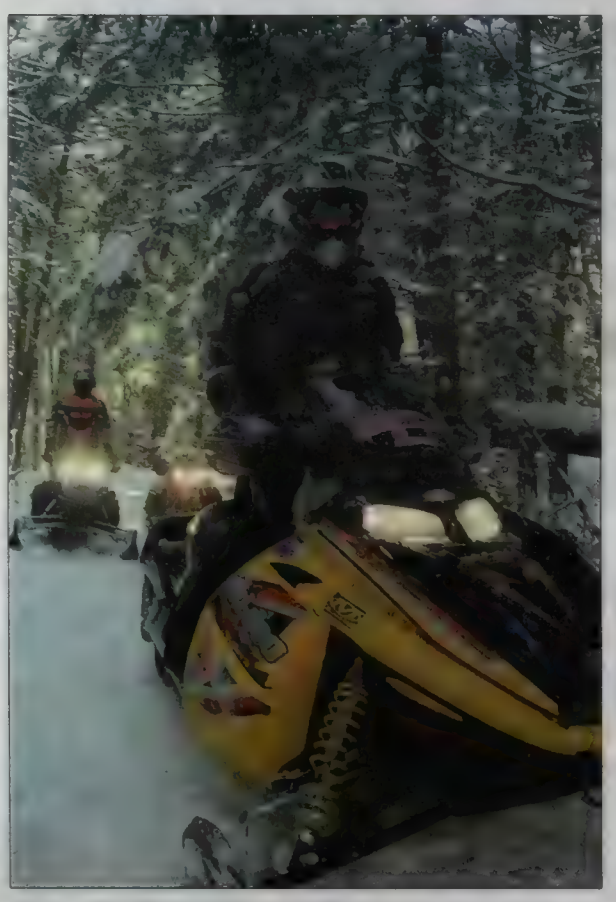
When you love to fish, the cold can't quell your enthusiasm. Mary Stiver, a woman full of life and vigour, loves fishing as much as her children and grandchildren do, and she wasn't about to let -25C weather from keep her from it. Times photographer Darren Lum caught up with the Halls Lake resident as she walked to her quaint fishing hut. She has been fishing on Halls Lake since the mid-60s and loves every second of it. Originally from the Gaspe (Quebec), Stiver regularly goes out five days a week around 1 p.m., restocks the wood, and breaks the ice holes for her family who come on weekends.

Photos by Darren Lum

Winter magic just a quick ride away

Darren Lum/TIMES

With the sleds lined up and the frozen waterfall before us we were all in awe of the natural wonder and the remoteness of the scene. It was the highlight of the experience.



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Snowmobiler TV host Taera Samis rides along the meandering trail under the snow-laden canopy of cedars. Photographer Darren Lum likened the snowmobile's twists and turns through the forest to a mountain biking experience.

by **DARREN LUM**
Times staff

Finding a natural winter wonder on a snowmobile was the last thing on my mind. But when Snowmobiler TV paid a visit to the Highlands that's exactly what happened.

Last week the Barrie based television show that broadcasts throughout North America and is hosted by the charismatic Taera Samis provided a media snowmobile ride at the Little Hawk Resort & Marina in Halls Lake. It gave media types like myself the chance to discover snowmobiling.

I was the lone newbie sledding on Wednesday, Jan. 27. The rest of the media, including radio personalities, rode the following day.

My past experience with sleds has been strictly as a passenger and I was never really impressed. People told me there are similarities between motorcycling and sledding: counter-steering is true for both and steady speed at the drive of the rear wheel or track is essential for improved traction when negotiating corners. Oh yeah, there's also the speed.

During the driving instruction I couldn't stop asking: "Where's the clutch and the gear shifter?"

With six years' motorcycling experience, I felt more than prepared for the ride, though I was still a little bewildered by the lack of a clutch and gear shifter. With a cloudless sky and a bright sun the weather couldn't have been more ideal.

Like most television shows, this one had sponsors galore. From the boots, cold weather pants and a "floater" jacket (provides buoyancy in the water), to the helmet and the gloves, everything I was wearing — at least from the underwear out — was provided. One thing was missing: a destination.

Just before pulling away, my hosts and I met a group of snowmobilers (Linda Gordon, and her boyfriend James Kelly from Keswick and his nephew Chris Chapell from

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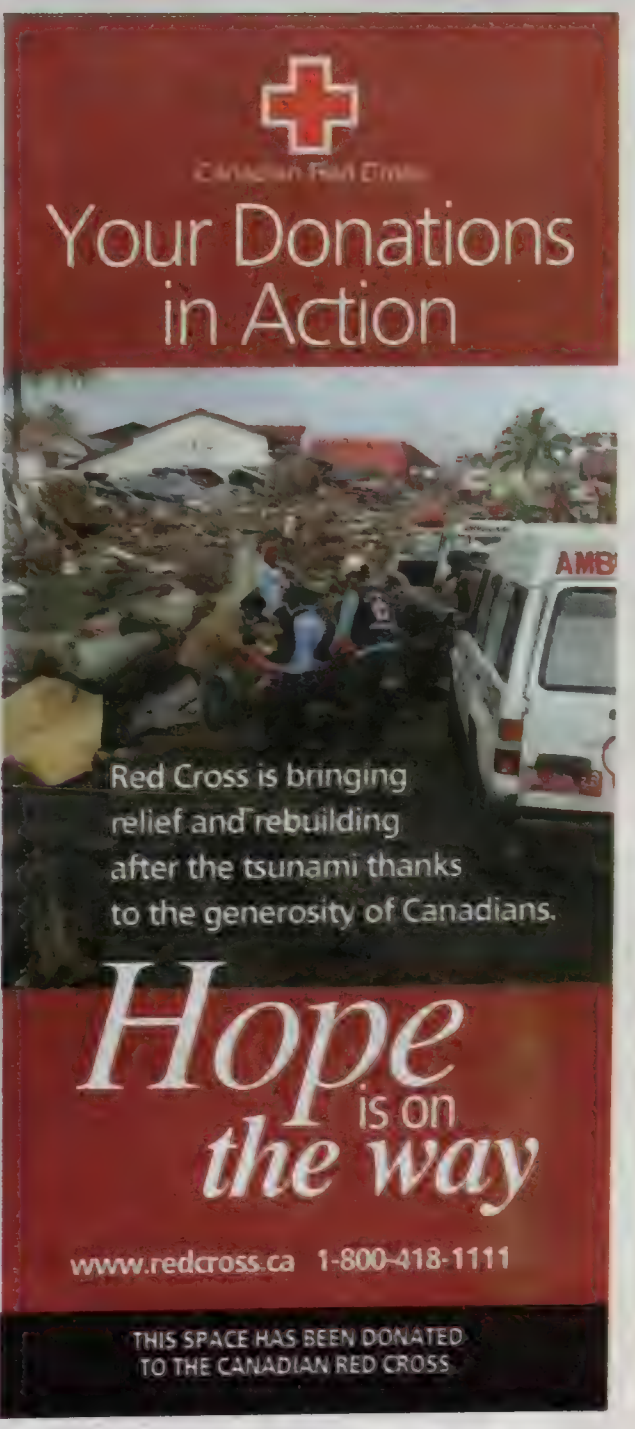

Snowmobiler TV host Taera Samis was an exemplary rider and had a character to match her skills. Her hospitality and concern made the experience that much more memorable.

One of the guide's machines broke down along the way. The journey momentarily stopped, but not long enough to hurt any of my enthusiasm for the destination of a remote frozen waterfall.

Fast riding more nerve-wracking than fun for this novice

from page 15

Burlington) who were intent on showing us a remote towering frozen waterfall. They frequent the area every year. Aside from Nordic skiing and snowshoeing, snowmobiling, they assured me, is the only way to see this spectacle.

Zipping along on the 120 hp 2005 snowmobile provided by the show, I travelled across Little Hawk Lake at a scary 66 km/h — and still I was left in the proverbial dust. I was thankful that Taera hung back with me, making sure I wasn't doing anything too stupid.

Even at that slow speed I thought I was going to lose it. I soon learned that snowmobiles don't necessarily track in as straight a line or as stably as a motorbike. It probably has something to do with the variety of winter surfaces. Man-made surfaces don't do that. Hmmm...

When we approached the tree-enclosed trail, I felt relief ... that I could slow down. That was until I had to maneuvre the machine through the tight corners. I discovered again that snowmobiles don't always behave the same way as motorbikes. Sliding along the undulating trail, in and around trees, was a great feeling, similar to mountain biking. Despite the momentary breakdown of one of our guides' machines, the journey continued towards Cat Lake and the frozen waterfall. A quick jaunt from the enclosed trail and we finally arrived. After a few quick photos we waved goodbye to our guides who sped off, a plume of snow trailing behind them. We lingered awhile, pulling a few doughnuts in the light, ample, and fluffy snow.

The trip back was a hurried affair, not because I wanted to but because of my newspaper's requirements. As I roared away I shifted my weight forward, as recommended by Taera, a very capable snowmobiler. I quickly gained greater control and confidence. I thought, I should have been doing this all along. Squeezing the throttle (not twisting it as I wanted to do), I broke past the 100 km/h barrier. It might have been for only a few seconds, but it felt longer — and that was enough for me. For the most part I kept the speedometer in the mid-90s and the machine's bucking to a minimum.

Even then the cloud of snow ahead gave little comfort. Comparing it to a video game doesn't do the experience justice.

Exhilaration obviously came from the flat-out speed, but the greatest enjoyment came from negotiating the slow and twisting portions of the trails around the lakes. The most significant experience was being able to see the waterfall, a naturally-standing piece of art, a pleasure available only to those willing to make the effort to visit it.

Although my time on the snowmobile was brief, I'm grateful for a special experience – and the chance to blast my way to a very special place.

Winter Mixed Curling Bonspiel

The Minden rink of Jere Pike (second), Sandra Warrington (lead), Diana Spencer (vice) and Bruce Fisher (skip), left to right,. won the C event of the Winter Mixed Curling Bonspiel, sponsored by Bill Kulas of Re/Max Haliburton Highlands Realty at the Minden Curling Club on the weekend of January 21-23. The A event, sponsored by Westside Jug City, went to Larry Rogalski and his team from Port Perry. The B event winner, sponsored by Golden Stationers, was won by the Coldwater team, skipped by Brin Binns. The D event, sponsored by Coneybeare's Butcher Shop, was won by Cal Kennedy and his team from Port Perry. Photo submitted by Bert Kennedy.

Carnarvon bowling

Tuesday Afternoon League January 18

High average: Ken Thompson 211; Lillian Mattsson 188

High single: Nock Biljetina 267; Lillian Mattsson 291

High single (handicap): Nick Biljetina 309; Lillian Mattsson 323

High triple: Nick Bilhetina 654; Lillian Mattsson 686

High triple (handicap): Ernie Winterburn 816; Lillian Mattsson 722

Tuesday Night League January 18

High average: Ken Thompson 215; Marlene Robinson 197

High single: Dan Harding 272; Clara Vuksic 220

High single (handicap): Dan Harding 308; Viola Cook 277

High triple: Mike Vuksic 688; Carol Hussull 574

High triple (handicap): Mike Vuksic 811; Carol Hussull 757

Storm Midgets beat Algmaguin back-to-back

by **MARY MACPHEE**
Special to The Times

Highland Storm 9 Almaguin 3

The G.J. Burtch Construction Highland Storm Midget AE team took to the road on Saturday January 23rd to play Almaguin at 10:00am in a back-to-back double header with the Ice Devils. The first period started off strong for the Storm. Tyler Watson scored two goals assisted by Tim Pettit. Joe Gallagher came in for the third unassisted goal scored with 0:59 seconds left in the period. The first period ended 3-0 for Highland Storm.

The second and third periods remained dominated by the Storm. Adam DeCarlo's "True Grit" and determination on the ice has to be commended. J.D. Crowe and Joel MacPhee remained strong with their net minding efforts.

Remaining scoring for the Storm: Two goals Kenton Winn, one goal Max Ambridge, Devin Hunter, Tim Pettit and Adam DeCarlo, along with two assists by Matt Clements and Tyler Watson, one assist by Josh Townsend.

Highland Storm 7 Almaguin 3

The two teams began Game #2 right after Game #1. Almaguin came out strong in the first period ending the period with a with a 3-3 tie. The second period was fairly flat with one goal scored by the Storm and the third period was fully dominated by the Storm and a creative "Goalies changing on the Fly" glad to report there were no whistles blown as the team may have had two goalies on the ice at the same time. Final score Highland Storm 7 Almaguin 3.

Scoring for the Storm: first two goals went to Tyler Watson, with assists to Tim Pettit and Kenton Winn. The next two goals were scored by Joe Gallagher assisted by Max Ambridge and Adam DeCarlo. This was followed by an unassisted goal by Kenton Winn, then a goal by Mackie Campbell assisted by Devin Hunter and Billy Kulas. Tim Pettit finished the scoring.

Well done team, way to end the regular league games with a double win!

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Storm blows into Oro, All lightning, no thunder

by **TODD BYERS**
Special to The Times

The Haliburton Tim-BR Mart/Minden Subway Atom AE's headed off to Oro on Saturday January 29, 2005 for an afternoon Game #3 against the Oro Thunder. The Storm was looking to finish off Oro as they held a 2-0 lead in the best of 5 series. Right from the first face-off the Storm controlled the game. The team had many chances to score but they just could not get one by the Oro goalie. Finally at 4:21in the first, Captain Tanner Hamilton blew one past the goalie to open the scoring. Assists on the goal went to Doni MacInnes and Samantha Tallman. Then, late in the first, Michael "Mongoose" Kunkle had to come up with a big save on a breakaway to keep the score 1-0

Early in the second, Tanner Hamilton popped in his second goal of the game with special mention going to Michael Nelson on a excellent effort to keep the puck in at the blue line. Riley Tait also earned an assist on the goal. Then a minute and a half later, Riley Tait scooped up a Jake Harrison rebound, for his first goal of the series and a 3 -0 lead for the Storm.

The third period started slow for the Storm, and with our team shorthanded, Oro was able to get one past Mitch "Moose" Byers, to make the score 3-1. But the powerful Storm defence wouldn't let Oro get control of the puck and the Storm was able to hold on to a 3-1 victory. The Atom AE's next series starts next weekend with Wasaga Beach.

During the game, some of the Storm parents noticed that the coaching staff for Wasaga Beach was in attendance. With the way our team played, they must have rushed back to the beach to get their team ready for some tough completion next weekend. But we'll be ready for them. And don't forget to check out our website to get the latest schedules and scores for all of our teams. Visit www.highland-storm.org

Novices earning name of the comeback kids

by **MIKE LOPEZ**
Special to The Times

The Novice Storm managed to overcome a 2 – 0 deficit to beat the Oro Thunder 5 – 4, and tie their series at one win apiece. As it has become customary for the novices this past year, being down a couple of goals results in a more determined effort by the entire Storm squad. Jordan Hamilton kept the game close with some big saves in the first despite being beaten twice by the Thunder.

Christopher Hall brought the Storm within one after some great work by Connor Dollo and Julia Fideski half way through the first period. Thirty seconds later Nate Feir scored his first of three to tie the game at two; Spencer Hicks got the lone assist.

The Storm nearly took the lead when Jacob Sisson stormed in alone only to be foiled by the Thunder goalie. Feir then gave the Storm their first lead of the game with helpers to Curtis Ballantyne and Matt Chapman midway through the second frame. The Thunder scored a late goal sending the teams deadlocked at three going into the third.

A fluky bounce gave the Thunder back the lead when a shot ricocheted off a Storm's skate 10 seconds into the third period. Five minutes later the Thunder received a fluky bounce of their own as the puck bounced to an open Nate Feir, to give him his natural hat trick, and tie the game at four; Hall and Ballantyne received the assists.

The teams exchanged chances throughout the third with close calls at both ends. With two minutes left in the third and the Storm buzzing around the Thunder's end, Connor Dollo and Tyler Berry set up an open Kirk Lopez who one timed a shot passed a surprised Thunder goalie to give the Storm the lead for good.

The series continues on Saturday February 5, at 2:00pm in Haliburton with the Storm looking to take a 2-1 edge in the series.

Final Score Storm 5 – Thunder 4

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New board member needed

HOMESUPPORT

Amy Brohm

Haliburton County Home Support Services, (soon to be Community Care Haliburton County), has an exciting opportunity for an enthusiastic, dynamic individual to join our Board of Directors We are particularly looking for new board members from the Haliburton area. Meetings are held in the Village of Haliburton once per month, with no summer meetings. We are celebrating our 25th anniversary and looking to a long and prosperous future. Won't you join us? Please call Roxanne at (705) 457–2941.

Home Support also needs volunteers in Haliburton and Minden to drive seniors and physically disabled adults to social and recreational events and appointments. We need people who are willing to commit to one or two short trips per week on an ongoing basis. All volunteers must have a police records check and interview. Please call Roxanne at 457–2941.

Love doing odd jobs? Home Support is looking for brokered workers to provide home help to clients throughout Haliburton County. Reliable transportation is preferred. Remuneration is between $12 and $15 per hour. All workers must complete a screening process that includes a police records check. To apply, please contact Roxanne at 457–2941.

Upcoming Events

Sweetie Lunch – February 14, 11:30 a.m.

All Haliburton County Home Support volunteers are invited to Home Support's Drop-in Centre for a Volunteer Appreciation Valentine's Lunch on Monday, February 14. Please bring your sweetheart! RSVP 457–2941.

Home Support Drivers Jam Session

Reg, Judy and Roxanne will be hosting a Driver's Training Session at the Drop-in Centre on Wednesday, March 9, beginning at 1:45 p.m. We would like all Home Support Drivers to attend if possible. These jam sessions are good for all of us, so please bring your questions and concerns. The new privacy policy will be discussed and we will have guest speaker Mark McMaster here from the Minden O.P.P. Please call to confirm your attendance. We will try not to go past 4 p.m.

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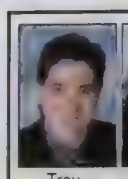
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LOCHLIN HOME $138,000
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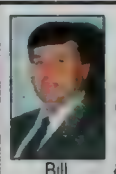
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HALIBURTON LAKE $229,900
3 bdrm cottage, private setting, well treed & nicely terraced lot, clean shoreline. Property abutts lakefront parkland area, with sunset view. New kitchen, most furnishings stay.

HALIBURTON LAKE $169,900
103 foot waterfront lot. moderate slope with terraced area at lake, clean rock shoreline, sunset exposure.

Karen Nimigon*
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MOORE LAKE
Waterfront home/cottage. Rippled sand beach, dock at water, 2+2 bedrooms, rec room, games room, 2 fireplaces, many extras.
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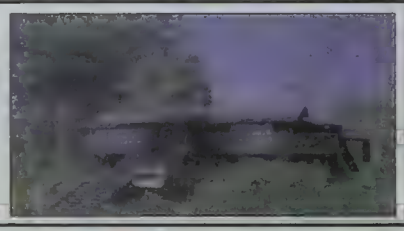

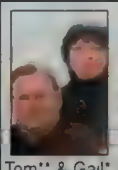
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KASHAGAWIGAMOG BEAUTY $599,000
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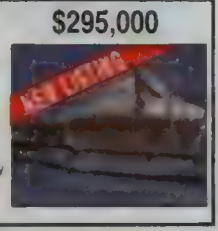
PRIVACY PLUS $295,000
This home boasts 1400 sq ft of main floor living space with a full unfinished walkout basement. Situated on 100 acres, no road noise, wildlife galore & beautiful surroundings. Well built raised bungalow, hardwood & ceramic floors. Wrap around 3 sided porch. Call for all the details today



Fred Chapple*
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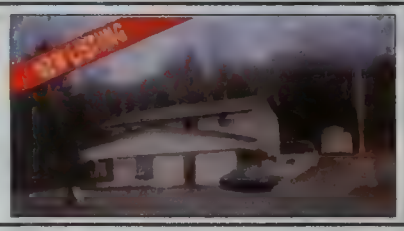
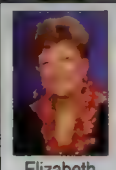
COUNTRY STORE - $235,000
A well established in turn-key condition, in-store bakery, take out pizza & convenience items as well. Owners willing to assist w/post sale transition. Yr round business, busy hwy, comes w/a 1056 sq ft, 3 BR home above store. Shows Excellent return on investment.

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LAKE VIEW COUNTRY HOME
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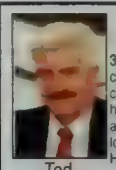
Ted Vasey*
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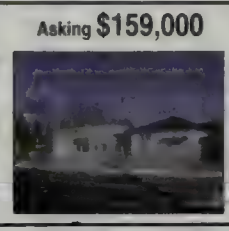
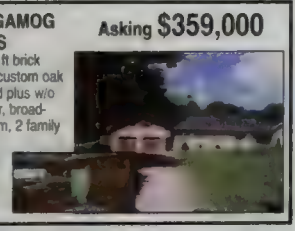
GULL RIVER NORLAND Asking $159,000
3 bedroom brick bungalow, pine country kitchen, open concept to living rm, F.A.O. heating & A/C, newer septic, attached 46' x 36' garage, great location for home business on Hwy #35



KASHAGAWIGAMOG ACCESS Asking $359,000
Exceptional 2100 sq ft brick home, hand crafted custom oak kitchen, centre island plus w/o to deck, granite foyer, broadloom cedar hot tub rm, 2 family rms, garage 26' 28', quanset hut 18'x20', large front & rear decks, approx 1/3 ac of privacy.



Vince Duchene**
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Excellent & affordable building lots very close and within walking distance of a gorgeous public park between 2 lakes. Big and Little Glamor. Almost waterfront.
$14,900

MISKWABI BACK LOT
$22,900
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Lenor Fulton* Tracy Ackerblade*
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MAIN STREET MINDEN
Are you looking to start a business in Minden??? This Main Street location has many possibilities. It boasts a 3 bedroom apartment upstairs w/a separate entrance. This cute as a button store is zoned C-1. Look no further
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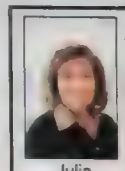
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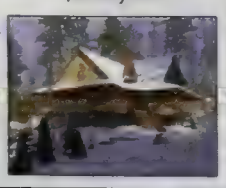
REDSTONE LAKE $895,000
This unique property set back in total privacy on quiet bay of famous Redstone, boasts 33.33 acres, year round 24/7 sounds of waterfall. This architecturally designed home has nearly 4000 sq feet of luxurious living space, incl an amazing kitchen, 3 full baths, 3 BR, 360 degrees wrap around covered deck+++ many extras.



REDSTONE LAKE $1,250,000
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Linda Beachli***
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PINE STREET $469,000
2700 sq. ft., 4 bdrm., architecturally designed, timber sided country home. Open concept with great room, dining room & kitchen flowing around the large stone 2 storey fireplace. Cedar deck balcony off upstairs bdrm
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HWY #118 $579,000
This property is situated on 6.7 acres on Hwy. 118. The 9894 sq. ft. building consists of 6213 sq. ft. for parts & service, a 2116 sq. ft. mezzanine, a 3 bdrm apt. and a large parking lot.
Linda Beachli/Peter Brady
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COUNTY ROAD 1 $400,000
High profile location opposite hospital and new medical clinic. This expansive 1400 sq ft. home & double car garage is situated on 7 acres of property that has a special mixed zoning
Linda Beachli/Peter Brady
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COMMERCIAL $359,000
Prime 3.5 acres on a high traffic corner lot. Large bright 1500 sq. ft. bungalow with a huge 8000 sq. ft. storage barn & a separate 28'x40' garage Zoned CH.
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Internet forum a place where people can share Highlands

Snowshoeing can take you places, like the top of the Stanhope Lookout trail

There's something new in the Highlands, a cottage country chat room created by Mike Bussier of Big Hawk Landing. He calls it The Haliburton Highlands, Algonquin & Muskoka Forum. While stressing that the intent is not for commercial users, Mike says the purpose of the forum is for private individuals with common interests to share their experiences and enjoy the experiences communicated by others. This is a place where people can connect and share favorite photos and stories as well as give advice and more. If you are looking for a cottage or wish to sell one, you can post it in the forum, if you are a private individual. If you want to share tips on renovating or just share information about a great stop on a snowmobile trip, you can communicate online.

The forum ison the internet at: http://www.bighawk.ca/haliburton_highlands,_algonquin_&_muskoka_forum.htm

The forum, hosted by Big Hawk Landing Marina, was created because Bussiere saw a void that needed filling. Many customers and friends that frequent the area in the summer find the winters can be long and drawn out, expressing they must suffer the "Highlands Withdrawal". To ease the pain and suffering of their withdrawals, Big Hawk decided to create a place to meet, greet and share. As one appreciative member said, "The Photo of the T. Pole was wonderful except if you only took the photo a little to the left, you would of made my day. Mike, you're doing a great job. Having the Big Hawk website makes the day start a little nicer and the winter go a little easier. Thanks."

Trails and Tours is sponsoring a snowshoeing workshop this Saturday, Feb. 5 at Bark Lake Leadership Centre. Cost for members is $50, non-members $65. A couple of friendly reminders, if you are going out solo, do not use groomed ski trails for snowshoeing and remember that trails are used at your own risk.

There is also a Trails and Tours workshop on luging on Saturday, February 12 at the Redstone River Luge Club. This year the club is enjoying its second season of operation and its first on a brand new track. Well established in popularity in Europe, natural track luge is a relative newcomer to North America. The club's track is the second of its type in Ontario and only the sixth in Canada.

Natural track or 'Naturbahn' luge is different from its Olympic cousin in several ways. The track is two to three metres wide and follows the natural contours of the hill. The sleds have a steering harness and can be steered with this or the slider's hands. Speeds of up to 60 kph can be reached. Natural track luge is a great family and youth oriented winter activity. Its combination of speed, excitement and exceptional affordability make it a 'natural'.

Rates include entrance fee, basic equipment and an introductory lesson. Additional private and group lessons are available on request. Special group rates, family passes and annual memberships are also available. The club is open every weekend in the winter. It is actively looking for volunteers, members and participants. To find out how you can enjoy luging, please call for more information. Contact Kurt Herzog at 705-754-4097 or Robert Van Nood at 705-754-1873.

Jim Hicks, formerly of Big Hawk Resort, had this to say about snowmobile trails in the area this week. "They're premium, just fantastic!" His luck, while ice fishing however, was not "fantastic" as he only caught two tiny trout. C'est la vie.

Cottagers on the Hawk Lakes are a friendly bunch, and have established many rural rituals in their community. One of these is "The Garden Party", the name coming from a certain VR weatherman. Saturday afternoons, at the end of their snowmobile riding for the day around 3 p.m., sledders gather in front of Graham Wright and Janet Wiley's cottage to enjoy the company of friends. Graham builds a big bonfire on the ice and, over hot chocolate, riders share their stories and adventures as well as catching up on what's new. At any given time there are 60 to 70 sleds parked in the area, a testament to the enjoyment all share in their neighbours' company. During the Olympics, someone even brought a TV onto the ice around the bonfire.. Now that's a group of people who love the outdoors and each others'company!

To submit any item of interest to this regular weekly feature, please e-mail me at bpjohnson@sympatico.ca or call 705-489-3878.

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Denise LeBlanc

COUNTRY HOME - $239,000
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January was perfect for staying warm, cozy

SENIORLEAGUE

News from Hyland Crest

Well, things are getting back to normal after a busy Christmas season. We had lots of entertainment and activity to help fill our days – even Santa and Mrs. Claus took time out of their busy schedule to come and visit. Thank you to all who helped make this season so special.

January has sure been cold and blustery but we've been keeping warm and cozy here at Hyland Crest.

Our month started off with the men all gathering together in the auditorium to enjoy a lunch of roast pork (Karl Barry's favourite), boiled potatoes and carrots, homemade bread and coconut cream pie (Jim Gahagan's favourite). We can't wait for our next Men's Club. Thank you to Kim Warburton and Sandy Cole for all your help.

Some of our ladies got together to make orange/clove scented balls to hang in our rooms. Joan Kernahan said you could smell the pleasant aroma all through the halls.

The Highland Wind Ensemble was here and provided us with beautiful orchestral music. This group is extremely talented and we enjoyed it immensely. Our regular entertainers have come to play for us at our pub nights and happy hours. We tapped our toes to the lovely music they all provided. Mel Robertson even got up for a dance or two!

Saturdays are our bingo days and we sure appreciate Pearl and Maxine coming to help. Saturday afternoon finds us all sitting back and enjoying an ice cream cone or float – even if the weather is snowy outside!

Haley has been providing us with exquisite tea parties on Thursday afternoons. She usually has help from Jeremy, Sheila, Pat and Barb, so a big thank you goes to this group of dedicated volunteers.

Our craft group has been getting together Tuesday afternoons to decorate placemats for Valentine's Day. Thank you Dottie and Barb for your guidance with these projects.

Wednesdays find us either playing cards or getting together with Mickey, another dedicated volunteer, to sing our favourite old tyme tunes.

We're looking forward to going to Tim Horton's for a cup of coffee and a donut. If you're there come on over and say hello.

We were all deeply saddened by the loss of Elva Morrison, Doris Pearce, Dora Iles, Otto Schuster and Bea Britain. Our thoughts and prayers are with their family and friends. We would like to welcome Joan Kernahan, Betty Sawyer, Annie Lewis and Fred Gibson to our home. We hope your stay here is pleasant.

Our best wishes go out to Margaret Besse who is in hospital. Also, our best wishes go out to Rev. John Burgess, who has been feeling under the weather this past month. We miss your smiling face and friendly visits.

We're looking forward to our annual formal dinner to be held on February 18th.

Well, that's all for now so take care and God bless!

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DETAIL DESIGN STUDY
HIGHWAY 118 IMPROVEMENTS
MINK CREEK CULVERT REPLACEMENT
COUNTY OF HALIBURTON, MUNICIPALITY OF HIGHLANDS EAST
(W.P. 4334-04-00)

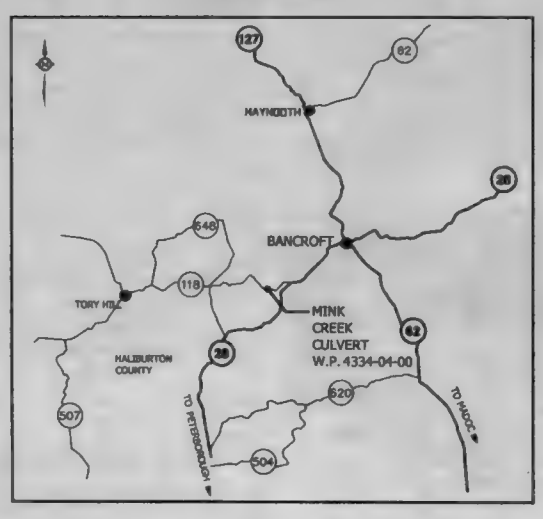
The Ministry of Transportation of Ontario (MTO) is interested in hearing any comments regarding this Highway 118, Mink Creek Culvert replacement project. The culvert is located 140 m west of County Road 9 (Inlet Bay Rd.). Your comments will be used in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Privacy Act* and solely for the purposes of conducting the environmental assessment.

A Public Information Centre is scheduled for:

Time:	**4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**
Date:	**Thursday, February 10, 2005**
Location:	**Cardiff Elementary School, Hemlock Road, Cardiff, Ontario**

The Ministry of Transportation staff will be present to explain the study, answer any questions and receive your comments. Following the meeting further comments are invited for consideration into the preparation of the technically preferred design of this project.

KEY MAP



MTO has considered the following two options for staging traffic during the removal and replacement of the Mink Creek Culvert:

1) Conventional staging within the Ministry's right-of-way by:
- Keeping Highway 118 open,
- Utilizing a single lane open to traffic, and
- Traffic signals to control traffic.

2) Detouring traffic onto adjacent municipal roadways by:
- Closing Highway 118 at the culvert site for 2-3 weeks,
- Using Dickinson Rd. and Inlet Bay Rd. (County Road 9) to detour traffic,
- Posting the speed to 40 km/h, and
- Utilizing speed mitigation measures.

Option 2 is the preferred detouring route.

The study will follow the approved planning process for Group'B' projects under the Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities (MTO 2000). As part of this process, a Public Information Centre (PIC) is scheduled to increase public awareness and understanding and to provide an opportunity to comment on the proposed design alternatives. At the completion of the study, a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) will be prepared and released for review and comment. Another notice will be published at that time.

The Project Team is interested in hearing comments from individuals, groups, and the general public. Comments and information regarding this study are being collected to assist MTO in meeting the requirements of the *Environmental Assessment Act*. With the exception of personal information, all comments received will become part of the public record.

For further information, or to be added to the project mailing list, please contact:

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Minden WI donate to tsunami aid

By Pam Rolfe

The Minden Women's Institute met at the home of Mary Cox on January 19 with 12 members present.

The meeting opened with the W.I. Ode and the Mary Stewart collect and the president wished everyone a happy and healthy New Year.

The secretary read the minutes of the December meeting and the treasurer and card convenor gave their reports. Correspondence was read and attended to.

The roll call was "What are you doing to record your family history" and some interesting methods were presented by the members.

Del read her report of current events over the past two months, both locally and internationally, and from that she suggested that we send a donation to the Tsunami relief fund and a motion was made and seconded to that effect.

Lynn was unable to attend the meeting to present her Tweedsmuir biography of a W.I. member, but Mary was able to give a brief report in her absence.

Members participated in a quiz, naming with one or two letters, a part of the anatomy, which made them rack their brains, but they did quite well.

Pennies for Friendship and birthday money was collected and a request for a meeting place for February 16 was answered by Mabel Deacon, who will host it at her home at 1.30.p.m. Guests are welcome. If interested, please call Mary Cox 286-1158 or Pam Rolfe 754-1656.

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Local planning committee wants your ideas

These past few days have brought welcome relief from the bitter cold and remind us that spring is ahead. If only the ground hogs could agree on their predictions we might have a better idea of just when.

Have you ever wondered how the chickadees survive these temperatures long after other birds have fled south ? According to *Country Journal* magazine these little "winter messengers" have the ability to shiver, converting energy to heat, and also to grow an extra heavy layer of down giving them a plumper, softer appearance than the summer variety. Chickadees reduce their metabolism at night starting the new day with a fresh layer of fat. To do this their food consumption must be thirty times more than in summer. Considering their main diet delicacies are caterpillars, insects and insect eggs this is a good reason for chickadee fans to lug home those bags of sunflower seeds and keep the feeders filled to supplement limited winter fare. It's not too much to ask for such cheerful companions.

The Kinmount Committee for Planning & Economic Development at its open meeting this Monday, February 7th at the Kinmount Community Centre starting at 7 p.m. would welcome your comments on its present efforts and further suggestions for consideration. This Committee, which draws its membership from a variety of community groups, needs to be commended for making our downtown so attractive for residents and visitors with beautiful hanging baskets and bloom filled barrels. For more information Diane Austin is the contact at 488-2635.

Come out to learn more about the history and good work of the Women's Institutes on February 9 when the Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group holds its meeting with guest speaker Lynn Hancock. Starting time is 7 p.m. upstairs at the Minden Legion. For more information call Gail Leach-Wunker at 286-2225. There is no charge and everyone is most welcome.

Now for the **Scoring News** with your usual reminder to keep busy and well. They go together.

Wednesday, January 26 bid euchre at Stanhope: Eight single moonshots landed on Tom Orr, Helen Windsor, Cliff Davison, Jack Cox, Percy Butler, Rob Evans, Chris Clarke and Edith Burch with Alf Whyman taking two. Leading the pinks at 304 was Pat Roussel with Trudy Kroes 293 second and Helen Henderson a close third at 292. Marcel Roussel was tops for the white cards at 335 followed by Percy Butler 283 and George Bye 240.

Wednesday, January 26 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: Playing the Howell system it was Jacqueline and Kelly Metcalfe first at 59% with Stella McMillan and Ross Davies next at 55%. Tied for third place at 51% were Grace Boice partnered with Ev Morgan and Joan Galley teamed with Mike Collins.

Wednesday, January 26 Kinmount Seniors euchre at the Kinmount Legion Branch 441: For the ladies Thelma Deak was high and Emily Harvie low while Roger Fournier was high man and Harold Harvie low. Roger Fournier also won for most lone hands and our reporter Mildred St. Thomas took the special draw.

Thursday, January 27 euchre at the Minden Legion Branch 636: May Bradbury reports that Bev Johnson and Marcel Roussel held the most lone hands with Verna McDonald and Bob Pollard recording the evening's highs. Low scores ladies/men went to Shirley Hawe and Don Hicks with Roy Knapton, Pam Lavendre, Linda Hopkins, Edith Burch and Marcel Roussel winning the other prizes.

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Friday, January 28 bid euchre at Club 35, Halls Lake: The moonshot quintet members were Willie Cox, Tom Pearson, Jean Randell, Percy Butler and Chris Clarke with Garth Windsor holding the hidden score. For the pinks Willie Cox and Jean Randell tied for first at 263 with Marjorie Cowen 256 second and Pearl Cowen 244 third. Tom Pearson filled the top slot for the white cards at 284 followed by Chris Clarke 263 and Dick Coffey 253.

Friday, January 28 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: Using the Howell method Mayme Douglas and Ross Fletcher were tied for first place at 57% with Ev Morgan and Ross Davies. There was another tie for third spot at 54% between Muriel and Doug McIntosh and Margo Davidson partnered with Stella McMillan.

Friday, January 28 euchre at Staanworth Court, Minden: Nick Boekestyn won for high hands, Hazel Dorman for lone hands and Jean Ingram for low hands. Hazel Dorman was double lucky also taking the evening's draw prize. Thanks to Doreen Francis for this update.

Saturday, January 29 bid euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: At 257 Emily Harvie led the top scores with June Branning 243 second and Marcel Roussel tied with Mary Coltman for third place at 235. The draws went to George Bye and our reporter Gala Stamp along with Jean and Pat Scadden. Theresa Deak, Mildred St. Thomas and June Branning took the moonshots.

Monday, January 31 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at the Kinmount Legion Branch 441: Marcy Morgan recorded the high score with Thelma Francis second high. Moonshots went to Phyllis Windsor and Thelma Francis with Roger Fournier winning the special draw.

Monday, January 31 euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: High hand honours went to Perry Peacock with Cecil Smith winning for lone hands, Martha Harding for low hands and Gala Stamp for the special prize.

Monday, January 31 euchre at Club 35, Halls Lake: In the most lone hands column it was Helen Windsor while special prizes had to be awarded to Tom Pearson and Linda Voicey. High scores went to Wally Harpur for the men and Leroy Mowat representing the ladies. Tom Pearson was low man with Olive Jones winning for both low lady and the baloney.

Monday, January 31 cribbage at the Minden Legion Branch 636: The top trio were Don Burch first, Gwen Cox second and Bob Heggart third. The three draw winners were Joe Rivers, Edith Burch and our reporter Jean Scadden.

Monday, January 31 St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: Holding the most lone hands were Ellen Holden and Mabel Deacon with Lorna Hicks and Lorne Dinesen recording the highs. The afternoon's lows went to Jeanne Keliele and Katie Parker with Laura Carnegie and Mabel Deacon winning the special prizes.

Tuesday, February 1 bid euchre at the Minden Legion Branch 636: Jean Scadden reports that Howard Smith led the scoring at 296 with Gala Stamp second at 267 and Margaret Fletcher 260 third. Helen Luffman uncovered the hidden score with Berkie Parker, Maria Tschida and Verna McDonald taking the draws.

Tuesday, February 1 euchre at Lochlin Community Centre: High score holders were Mary Wilkins for the ladies and Helen Burk representing the gents while Lorna Hicks and our reporter Barbara Carpenter recorded the lows. Betty Curry won for most lone hands and George Bartley for the special draw.

Tuesday, February 1 contract bridge at Stanhope: There were three Slams going to Dorothy Strype and Helen Rice, Chuck Wilson and Betty Roszell and Bruce Armstrong teamed with Ross Fletcher. Our bridge reporter [all events] Ross Fletcher topped the scoring at 6170 followed by Helen Rice 6130, Jean Jackson 5800 and Betty Roszell 5210 while Stella McMillan won the lucky draw and Harold Cox the Shiny Penny. For Ross Fletcher it was the " T.Y.G. " Special Award as he was heard to say " Thank You Gloria ".

Tuesday, February 1 Stanhope Firehall Seniors Social Club Mixed Shuffleboard: In first with 442 were Betty Lockhart and Beverley Alexander while Bob Alexander teamed with George Hamilton were second at 397. Our reporter Syd Lockhart partnered with Grace Berardi took third spot at 382 while Paul Poulton and Helen Skelding's 256 proved to be the afternoon's low.

Enroute to the mailbox tracks are everywhere. Now there's some not to be found in any nature book for Bruce is sporting " Yak Tracks " anti slippers, a late Christmas gifts, on his boots. Have a great week.

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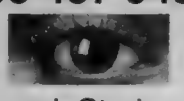
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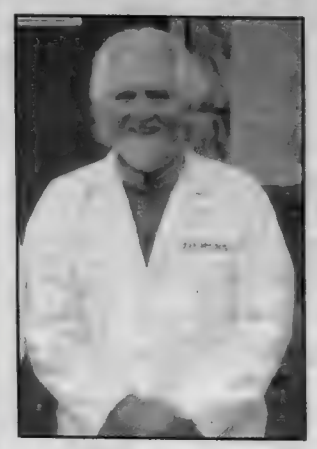
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Do you know anyone who would be interested in teaching beginner s pilates, aerobics or fitness classes in Dorset? If so, contact the Dorset Recreation Centre at 705-766-9968.

St. Mary Magdalene s Anglican Church will be holding a meeting after the 11 a.m. service on Sunday, February 6 to determine new service times and/or location. There will be an Ash Wednesday Service at St. Mary Magdalene s on Wednesday, February 9 at 4 p.m.

Tall Pines Snowmobile Club and Lions Camp Dorset are pleased to announce their annual Poker Rally and St. Valentine s Dance to take place on Saturday, February 12, 2005 beginning at 10 a.m. Proceeds of the event aid kidney dialysis and Lions Camp Dorset. There will be more than $10,000 in prizes, and 1st prize is $2,000. Just $50 worth of pledges gives you a free ride. The top five pledges win cash prizes. Pre-registration takes place on Friday, February 11 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Registration takes place Saturday, February 12 from 10 a.m. to noon. All events start and finish at Lions Camp Dorset, Kawagama Lake Road. There is a maximum of 300 riders and OFSC Trail Permits are required. Adults only (19+) after 6 p.m. The cost is $30 per hand (19+) and includes a continental breakfast at 9 a.m., Dinner is at 6 p.m. with prizes to follow and there will be a snack bar and refreshments. For more information, have a look at www.tallpines.org or contact Barb at 705-766-2108 or Donna at 705-766-9253.

DORSETNEWS
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Dorset Snowball still has a few volunteer hours available for high school students. Is there a better way to get your hours in? We think not. Snowball is F-U-N! For more information on obtaining your volunteer hours at Snowball, e-mail drc@vianet.on.ca or call 705-766-9968.

The Dorset Snowball Winter Carnival wishes to thank Sandra and Chris Davis for their contributions over the past several years as Mr. & Mrs. Snowball. Sandy and Chris have done a great job — thank you. The Davis are retiring and Snowball organizers are inviting individuals or couples to put their names in for this esteemed position. If you are interested, give the Recreation Centre a call at 705-766-9968.

Pre-registration for the Snowball adult broomball tournament is required by calling the Rec Centre at 766-9968. Don t miss out — space is limited. The registration fee is $10 in advance and $20 on the day. 75% of registration fees will be given out as prizes. Call today to register and for more information.

The Dorset Lions Club is sponsoring the Snowball sculpture contest and has cash prizes to offer to those who participate. Build your snowy creation in your own backyard and register with Gail Hope at 705-766-9558 by February 16. Once again, size doesn t matter — big or small — they want them all.

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Birthday wishes for January 30 to February 5 go out to Nathan Jones, Yvon Chatelain, Kassie Wright, Mitchell Webb, Marg Moeller, Mark Kearhey and Anja Hendrikson and Happy Anniversary to Marian and Bruce Frieday. To submit an item of interest or a birthday wish, please e-mail me at melalfano@hotmail.com or give me a call at 705-766-0076.

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400 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS

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440 THANK YOU

THANK YOU TO all the people that wished me well, sent cards, made phone calls, and visited me. I am on the mend. **David H. Bathe.**

450 IN MEMORIAM

ARCHER, ROBERT – In loving memory of Robert Archer
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Miss you so much
Wish you were here
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Sadly missed by his loving wife, Pat and family, Rod (Denise), Dale, (Kirk), and Paul, grandsons Scott and Sean.

460 OBITUARIES

BUD ANDERSON
Passed away suddenly at the Minden Hospital on Thursday, January 27, 2005 at the age of 70.
Beloved husband of Loretta, dear father of Cathy and Paul, Doug and Kathy, Nancy and Glenn, Andy and Sandy, Chrissie and Chris. Loving grandpa of Tasha, Geoffrey, Andrea, Kevin, Ashley, Hillary, Quinn, (predeceased), Angela, and Adam. Brother of the late Bill, Jim, Shirley, Ken and Wayne. Fondly remembered by his nieces, nephews, family and friends. Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., Minden on Sunday from 1 - 4. Funeral Service in the Chapel on Monday, January 31, 2005 at 1:00 p.m. Cremation to follow. Memorial Donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation or to the Lund Association would be appreciated by the family.

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HELEN S SMITH
Passed away peacefully at the Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home on Monday, January 31, 2005 at the age of 84.
Beloved wife of Kenneth M. Smith Jr., dear mother of Kenneth M. Smith III and Timothy H. Smith both of San Francisco. Loving grandmother of Laiea , Noelle and Lara. A private Family Service was held at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., Minden on Thursday, February 3, 2005. Memorial Donations to the Canadian Red Cross Society or the Canadian Diabetes Association would be appreciated by the family.

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MIDDLEHURST, CLIFFORD EDWARD : On January 27, 2005 at the Avalon Care Centre in Orangeville in his 91st year, Cliff Middlehurst, husband of the late Edith (Patsy) Patrick. Father of Dennis and his wife Sharon of Ingoldsby, and the late Ross and his wife Peggy. Grandfather, great grandfather and great, great, grandfather. Funeral service from the Dodds & McNair Funeral Home in Orangeville on Saturday, January 29, at 11:00 a.m.

RICKEY E. TUSTIN
(Owner and operator of the Red Umbrella Inn). Passed away peacefully at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Barrie on Wednesday, January 26, 2005 at the age of 56.
Loving husband of Kim (nee Creamer), R.R. # 2, Minden. Dear son of the late Albert and Beatrice Tustin and son-in-law of Bert and Gayle Creamer. Father of Frazer Tustin, dear brother of Jiim (Greta). The family would like to thank the staff at the Minden Hospital, Haliburton County Access Centre for the care and compassion provided. Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., P.O. Box 427, Minden, K0M 2K0 (1–888–588–5777) on Saturday, January 29, 2005 from 1:00 until 3:00 p.m. Then to the Red Umbrella Inn (Hwy 34 N and Red Umbrella Rd.) for a gathering of Rick's family and friends. Cremation. Memorial Donations to the Canadian Liver Foundation, Kidney Foundation of Canada or The Humane Society would be appreciated by the family.

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TAYLOR, IRIS (NEE WING) – Peacefully at Credit Valley Hospital in her 88th year on January 24, 2005. Beloved wife of the late Frank Taylor. Loving Mother of Joy McWhirter and husband John, Tom Taylor and wife Debbie. Loving Nana of Adam, Kate, Amy, Sarah and Matt. Great Nana of Madison and Emily. She'll be greatly missed by her family and many friends. Cremation has already taken place, wit a Memorial to be announced at a later date.

OLIVE IRENE
(NEE FERGUSON) GRIFFIN
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- **Anyone interested** in or affiliated with mental health services are invited to join the Advisory Committee to Mental Health in Haliburton County. Send a letter of interest to HHMHSAC, Nominating Committee, Box 539, Minden, ON K0M 2K0 or call 286–4575 for more information.
- **Tuesday Evenings:** at Camp Medeba in West Guilford, families 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. children and parents climb together, Youth and Adults 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. Drop in indoor rock climbing. Everyone welcome. Children 13 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Parental permission required for youth under 18 yrs.
- **February 5:** Snowshoeing at Bark Lake Leadership Centre - The Haliburton Highlands Trails & Tours Network has once again partnered with outdoors centres to present a series of workshops. Each workshop runs from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Includes lunch and all the gear you'll need for the day. Space for all workshops is limited to be sure to register in advance 705–489–4049.
- **February 6:** PFLAG-What does it mean? Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays. On Sunday Feb. 6, come to an informat session at Minden United Church from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Guest speaker Carol Milroy. Anyone from the fommunity is welcome to attend.
- **February 9:** Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild meets at 1 p.m. at Camp Adelaide. Stash for Cash garage sale. New members welcome.
- **February 9:** Ash Wednesday Worship, 10:00 a.m. St. James Church, Kinmount, 2:00 p.m. St. Peter's Church, Kinmount, 7:00 p.m. St. Paul's Church, Minden.
- **February 9:** Meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group - held upstairs at the Minden Legion starting at 7 p.m., will feature speaker Lynn Hancock of the Women's Institute. Lynn will be talking about the "Tweedsmuir Books". These valuable local history books were prepared by WI branches across Ontario starting in the 1920's. Everyone welcome. No charge. For more information contact Gail Leach-Wunker 286–2225.
- **February 10:** The Canadian Federation of University Women - Haliburton Highlands monthly meeting welcomes Kate Hall, the coordinator of U-Links as this month's guest speaker. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. in Rm 10 at Sir Sanford Fleming campus. New members are welcome.
- **February 10:** The Sheddon Area Historical Society will be holding its' first meeting of the new year on Thurs. Feb 10 at 8:00 p.m. at the Coboconk Train Station. This area includes Rosedale, Coboconk, Norland, Burnt River and the Villahe of Victoria Road. Everyone welcome.
- **February 11:** Bring your sweetheart to the annual Valentine's Day Rotary Auction on Friday, February 11 at the Wigamog Inn. Dinner, dessert buffet , auction and entertainer Joe Fischer. Dineer 7. Contact Robert at 457–5234.
- **February 12:** Luging at Redstone River Luge Club - The Haliburton Highlands Trails & Tours Network has once again partnered with outdoor centres to present a series of winter workshops. Each workship runs from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Includes lunch and all the gear you'll need for the day. Space for all workshops is limited so be sure to register in advance.
- **February 12:** Tall Pines Snowmobile Club & Lions Camp Dorset Poker Rally & St. Valentine's Dance, Saturday, February 12, 2005 10 a.m. Proceeds to aid Kidney Dialysis Lions Camp Dorset. For more information call Barb (705) 766–2108 or Donna (705) 766–9253, www.tallpines.org.
- **February 13:** The Highlands Male CHorus presents "A WInter Interlude" a choral performance featuring a variety of music and music styles. Sunday, February 13 at 2:30 p.m. at the Northern Lights Pavillion in the High School in Haliburton. Tickets are available at Kitchens Etcetera in Haliburton and Pharmasave Drug Store in Minden. All seats are reserved.
- **February 15:** Haliburton Highlands Prostate Cancer Support Group monthly meeting. Held the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge Highland Crest Senior Citizen's Home in Minden. For info. call Rick Ratcliffe 286–6699.
- **February 15:** Join Home Support and Wheels to Meals at the Dominion Hotel in Minden. This lunch begins at 11:30 a.m. Please call Myrtle Bouthoorn to make your reservations for this fun filled luncheon.
- **February 17:** Infant Massage Workshop, Thursday at 1:00 p.m. Ontario Early Years Centre Minden, Learn to soothe and connect with your baby through touch. Presented by Claire Sylvan of Family Services. Call 286–1770 to sign up.

Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavor to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Times at 286-4768, emailed to editor@mindentimes.on.ca., or brought in to the office. **NOTE:** This calendar is **NOT A COMPREHENSIVE LISTING OF ALL EVENTS** taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in The Times for more information on events and in the Highlands.

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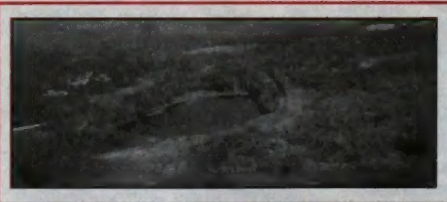

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